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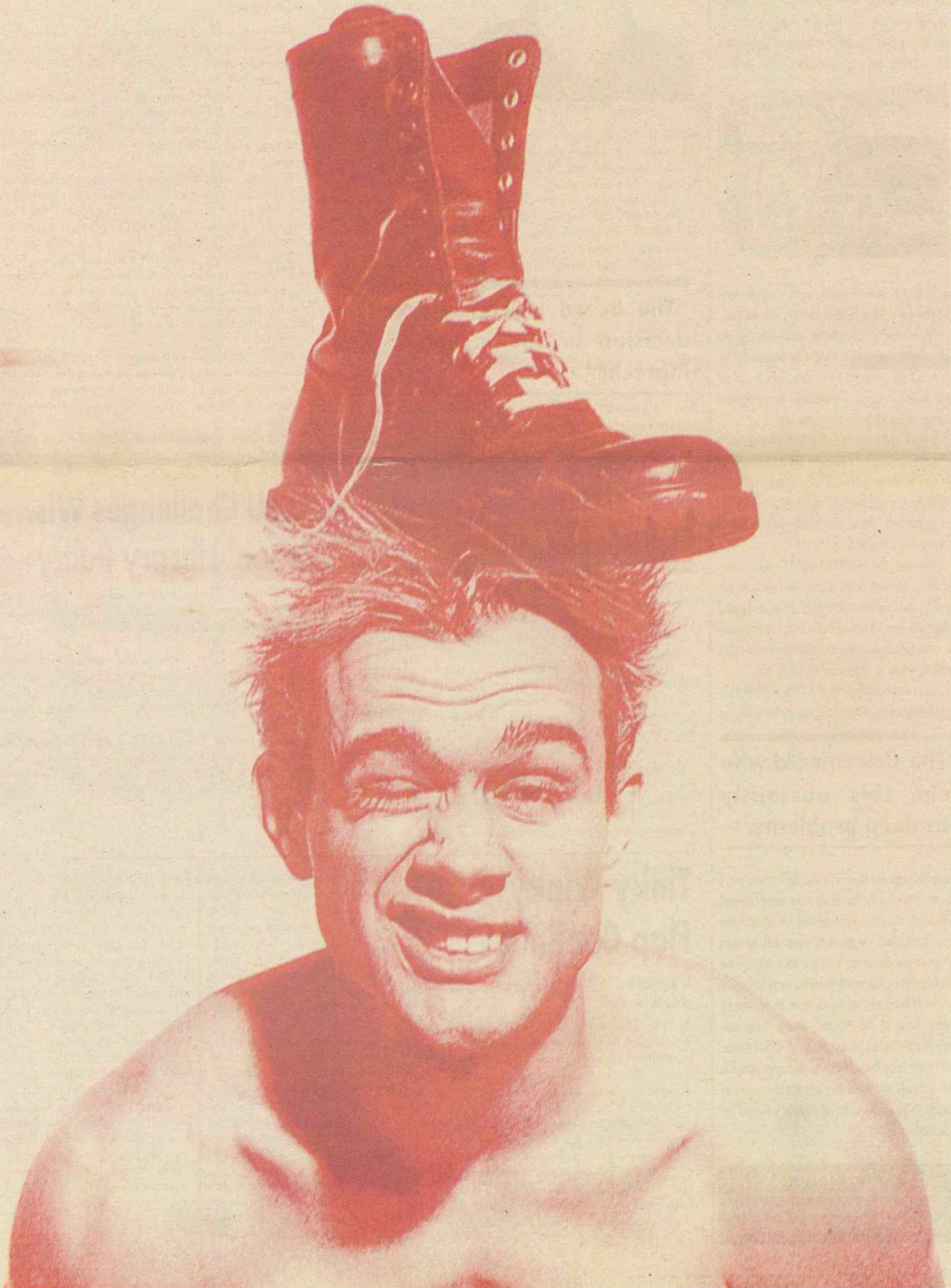
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Michigan Gay Paper Threatened After Publishing Berge Cartoon

by William Attewell
of the IN Step staff

Detroit — *Between the Lines*, a statewide gay and lesbian newspaper, received a death threat mailed to them in an official Michigan House of Representatives envelope.

The letter seems to have been prompted by an editorial cartoon by syndicated *IN Step* cartoonist Paul Berge in *Between the Lines* Feb., 18 issue. That cartoon was critical of the Family Research Council (FRC). FRC is a conservative lobbying group that has been waging an aggressive battle against gays and lesbians. The cartoon



depicts the FRC in the role of a kidnapper attempting to lure a child of lesbian parents into his car.

The obscenity-laden letter also rants against recent legislation which sought to amend Michigan's "Ethnic Intimidation" Act, which would have added "sexual orientation" to categories covered in the state's hate crime law.

Signed with an "x," the letter contains a postscript making reference to the annual Michigan gay pride march held every year in June, which says, "I will be the one throwing bricks at you at the next Pride march. Maybe a molotov cocktail. Get the point?"

"We get the point all right," said Susan Horowitz, publisher of the paper. "And we have initiated an investigation with the FBI, police and postal authorities. The sick coward who sent this obviously has deep problems. He or she will have even more problems when we determine who they are."

Berge responded by telling *IN Step*, "While I am usually pleased any time one of my cartoons elicits a

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thoughtful response from a reader, be it pro or con, I am very troubled by the anonymous letter received by *Between the Lines*. Violence and intimidation are never appropriate responses to ideas and opinions with which one disagrees. They are antithetical to the basic freedoms upon which this nation was founded."

"In Milwaukee, we have seen in the recent anthrax hoax at the Women's Health Clinic how every threat must be taken seriously," added Berge. "I sincerely hope that officials in Michigan take this letter seriously and do all they can to make sure that participants and onlookers can enjoy a safe and fun Pride celebration."

ON OUR COVER

Photo by Hans Fahrmeyer from his book, "Between Men." See our review in the Q Section.

Albrecht Lands Milwaukee Community Center Top Slot



Neil Albrecht. Photo by Jorge Cabal

Milwaukee — The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center has announced the hiring of Neil Albrecht to fill the Center's recently established executive director position.

"Our membership and the board of directors felt the hiring of an executive director was essential to our continued success and growth," said Sheila Zelenski, board co-president.

"We completed a three-month search process that included

input from many segments of the community. Neil's professional experience, enthusiasm and long standing commitment to LGBT issues led him to emerge as the top candidate for the position," Zelenski added.

Albrecht, who recently placed third in the Milwaukee School Board race and is a former regional director of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin and has served as co-president of the Center's board of directors since January 1998.

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stone for the Center," Albrecht said. "I am very excited about transitioning into this new position. The Center's potential is endless." Albrecht will begin his new position on March 1.

The announcement of the new hire was met with widespread community support.

"The board made an excellent decision in the hiring of Neil Albrecht," said Karen Gotzler, a co-founder of the Center and member of the Search Committee. "He has a proven record of outstanding community leadership."

"For the Center to take hold and grow in Milwaukee, it needs an experienced and dedicated executive director. By hiring Neil, the board has given us one of the very best," said Doug Nelson, ARCW executive director. "Having worked with Neil for six years, I know he is committed and passionate about our community's needs. He's exactly the kind of leader the Center needs."

The Center's board of directors also announced the election of board member Adrian Wade to Albrecht's former co-president position. Wade has served as co-chair of the Center's Volunteer Committee and initiated a Task Force to increase diversity in the Center's membership.

Albrecht invites the community to stop by the Center and share their thoughts on future directions for the Center. "People are already approaching me and saying 'Think about doing this.. or this...' Their enthusiasm is inspiring," Albrecht added.

The Milwaukee LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd Street, operates Thursdays and Fridays 6 - 10 p.m., Saturdays

noon - 10 p.m. and Sundays noon - 8 p.m. The Center is adjacent to bus routes 18 and 19 and one block west of routes 11, 14 and 15. Parking is available on 2nd street and in the lot marked Downtown Mini Warehouse across from the Center. Call the Center at 414-271-2656 or visit them at www.mkelgbt.org for more information.

Ten Percent Society Hosts Midwest College Conference

by Christopher Ott
of the IN Step staff

Madison — The Ten Percent Society, the University of Wisconsin-Madison's gay student organization, hosted the Midwest Bisexual Lesbian Gay Transgender College Conference '99 over the weekend of Feb. 19 - 21.

Held at Madison's Monona Terrace Convention and Community Center, the conference featured three keynote speakers and more than 60 workshops on topics including organizing and fund raising, HIV prevention, and activism beyond college campuses.

Speakers included Virginia Apuzzo, a senior White House aid and former executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Kevin Jennings, founder of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN), and AIDS activist and screenwriter Larry Kramer.

The conference, organized under the theme "Moving Forward, Looking Back," drew hundreds of students from throughout the Midwest. Sponsors included the UW Credit Union, the Associated Students of Madison, Madison PFLAG, the City of Madison Affirmative Action Dept., and A Room of One's Own bookstore.

Jason Rasmussen, co-president of the Ten Percent Society and a conference organizer, said he hoped the conference would provide those who attended with "the contacts, faith, and tools" needed to build and improve the organizations on their own campuses.

"The continuous growth and expansion of the conference each year is a testament to [its] success in helping people to come out and be comfortable with who they are."

ACLU Challenges Wis. School Library Policy

Madison — The ACLU has filed suit in federal court against the Barron County School District in Wisconsin in a challenge to the removal of four gay-themed books from a high school library.

The school claimed the books were removed because they contained "pervasive vulgarity and obsessive obscenities." But parents and students represented by the ACLU in the suit disagreed and said that controversial subject matter isn't the same as vulgarity.

In the lawsuit, the ACLU charges the school violated students' first amendment rights in denying them access to the books, which include: *When Someone You Know is Gay*, *The Drowning of Stephen Jones*, *Baby B-Bop* and *Two Teenagers in Twenty*.

Tinky Winky Flap Continues

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff

West Hollywood, Calif. — The great Teletubbies flap continued to generate (sometimes amused) interest around the nation after televangelist Jerry Falwell declared that Tinky Winky, a character on the kiddie TV progra, is gay because he carries a purse, has a triangle on his head, and is purple — a color that Falwell mistakenly thinks represents the gay rights movement.

West Hollywood Mayor Steve Martin said Falwell's "irrational comment" had "single-handedly crushed the hearts of many children by viciously casting Tinky

Winky into a sexual controversy." Martin said Falwell's remarks were "embarrassing."

Not to be outdone, the Berkeley, Calif., city council is preparing to debate — tongue firmly in cheek — a resolution that would proclaim "Long Live Tinky Winky" in what the resolution's sponsor, Councilwoman Polly Armstrong, said put Berkeley "on the cutting edge of the Tinky Winky issue."

Armstrong said she expects there to actually be very little debate over the resolution and believes it will pass unanimously.

San Francisco was next to jump on the Tinky Winky bandwagon and the chubby TV character is now considered the leading contender for grand marshal of the city's enormous annual Gay and Lesbian Pride parade later this year.

And taking a page from the far-right's anti-gay tactics, Window Media, which owns three prominent gay newspapers around the country, is running ads for a

fictitious organization offering to help cartoon characters like Tinky Winky escape the "gay lifestyle." The parody of anti-gay ads that ran recently in several major U.S. dailies is intended, a Window Media spokesperson said, to "deliver a needed reality check to conservative activists." The parody ads for ECODUS ("Enforcing Cartoons or Drawings to Underscore Straightness") will feature Peppermint Patty and Bugs Bunny among others, under the banner headline, "Put Down That Purse."

One side effect of the flap, according to several news sources, has been that in some cities, such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, toy stores say they've suddenly had sales booms in Tinky Winky dolls, apparently a gay craze set off by Falwell's remarks.

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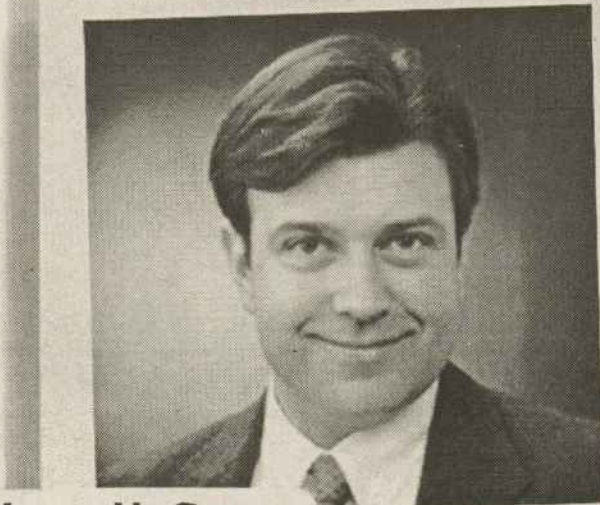
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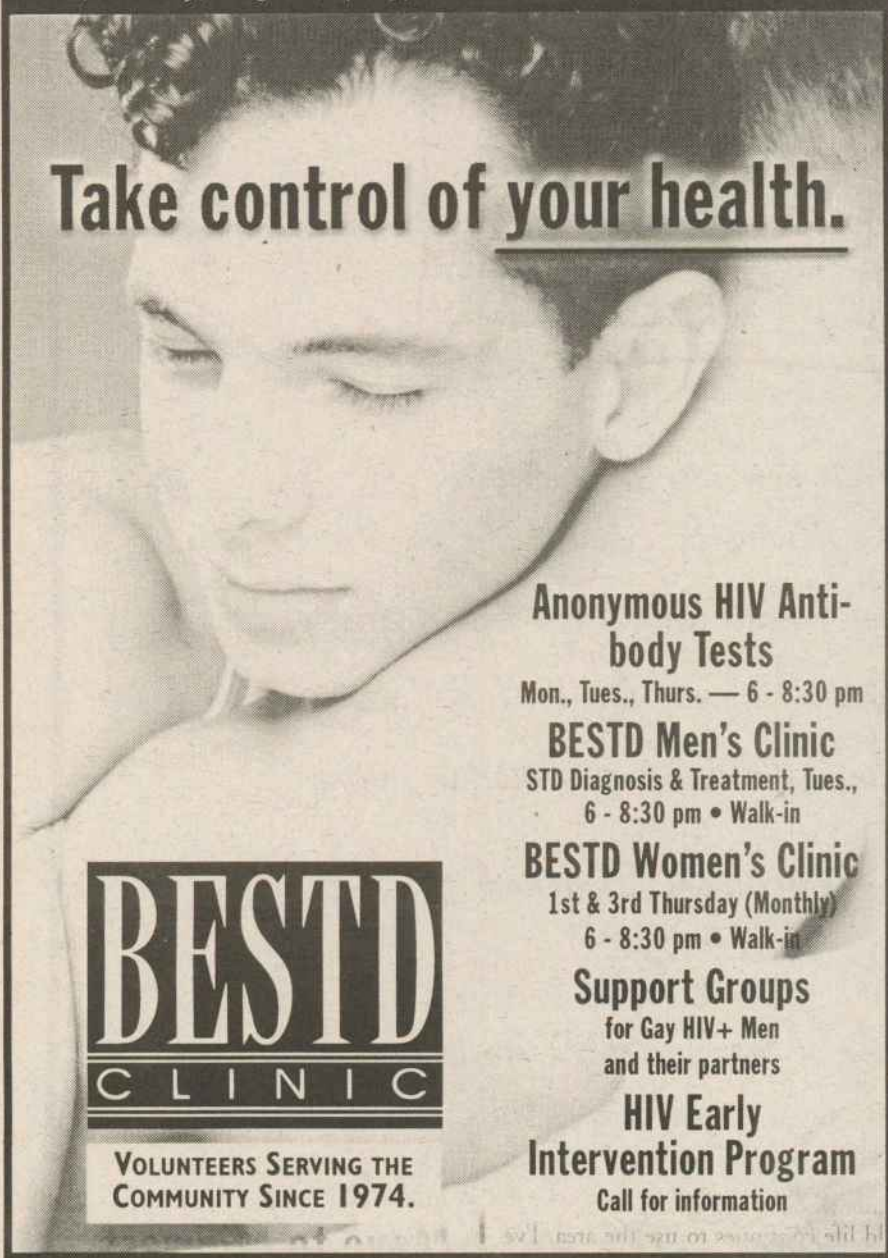
This house speaks for itself. From the curb appeal to the neutral decorating, this is a completely charming colonial. The living room has a natural fireplace, two niches with shelves, plaster crown molding, and a wonderful ceiling medallion. The dining room has two built-in china cabinets with leaded glass, plaster crown moldings and a ceiling medallion with a light fixture. There are three nice bedrooms upstairs, a recreation room in the lower level, and a nice yard awaits you.



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Attackers Carve 'Fag' in Student's Body

by Keith Clark
 of the IN Step staff

Novato, Calif. — In up-scale Marin County, just north of San Francisco, officials have posted a \$7,000 reward for information leading to the attackers of a gay Novato teenager.

Adam Colton, 17, was severely beaten at San Marin High School, and doctors who have been treating him say the boy may have suffered some brain damage in the attack and experienced some loss of memory as a result.

Although Colton is now conscious, he has almost no memory of the attack itself and remembers only getting ready to drive to school at San Marin High before regaining consciousness six hours later in a hospital intensive care unit.

Officials at the school say Colton wandered into a classroom, dazed and bleeding on Friday, Feb. 12, but had no other information about what happened.

Colton had been savagely beaten, and the word "fag" had been carved with a small knife or possibly a pen-point on his stomach and arm.

Colton's car was found in the high school parking lot, and police believe the actual assault may have taken place there, although so far none of the school students say they saw anything.

When Colton came out at San Marin High in September and started a campus Gay-Straight Alliance group, he immediately became the object of a series of attacks. His car was vandalized several times and on one trip to a local supermarket, he was assaulted by three teen-age males he said he thought may have been students at San Marin. But he was unable to positively identify any of his attackers.

At one point in this string of attacks, someone poured a flammable liquid on the family's driveway.

But police, who say they're treating this attack as a "possible hate crime," never caught anyone in connection with any of the attacks, vandalism or harassment. And Colton's family holds the school responsible for not taking strong steps after the trouble first started in September.

Colton's father, Adam, says Rudy Tassano, San Marin's principal, "did little or nothing" after his son was attacked in September. He says school officials have sim-

ply failed to make the campus environment safe for students and that the problem had become so serious that Adam had enrolled in a private study program and reduced the number of classes he took at the school.

"It is certainly not a place where someone with even the most basic needs feels safe," said Jerry Colton, the teen-ager's father.

Police say they have no suspects and that so far no witnesses have stepped forward, even though the attack must have taken place in the middle of the day.

Women Sue Chanel, Saying It Sought to Hire Only Gays

San Francisco (AP) — Four former Chanel sales associates are suing the French fashion house claiming it discriminated against them in its San Francisco boutique because they were heterosexual women.

In a federal lawsuit filed earlier this month, the women said Michael Moser, a gay man and the director of Chanel's boutique in San Francisco's exclusive Union Square district, created intolerable working conditions and forced them to leave so he could replace them with gay men.

The lawsuit seeks damages of at least \$1 million for emotional distress, lost wages and attorneys' fees.

"He (Moser) came into this place with the agenda to clean house," Arnold Laub, an attorney representing the women, told reporters at a news conference on Friday.

Carin Blumenthal, who worked at the haute couture shop for over four years, said Moser verbally abused female employees, submitted bad performance reviews and showed favoritism to gay men who were often new to the business.

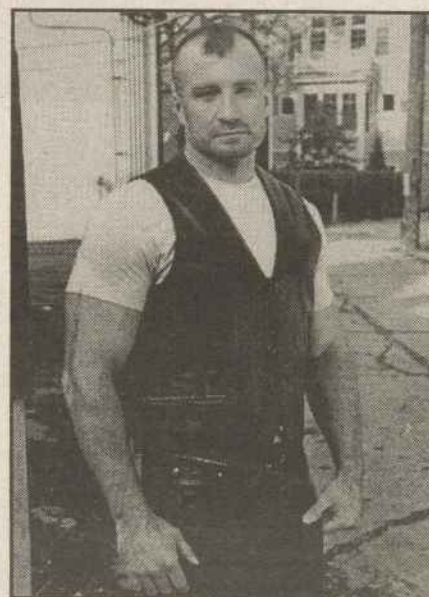
"On a daily basis, the way the boutique was run was based on fear," Blumenthal said. "In morning meetings, he would say 'I would like to replace all of you with Michaels,' and he succeeded in that."

The lawsuit said that since Moser began working at the boutique in 1997, 17 employees — mostly women — had resigned due to his discriminatory business practices. The sales associates who replaced them were all gay men, the suit said.

"On one occasion, I was told ... 'if you had a penis, it would have been different,'" said Micki McGuire, another ex-worker and a plaintiff in the suit.

Moser, who still is director of the boutique, declined comment.

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DNR Says Day-Use Only For Mazo 'Nude' Beach

News and Analysis
by Ed Grover of the *IN Step* Staff

Overnight camping will no longer be allowed at the popular Mazomanie "nude" beach along the Wisconsin River.

Many longtime naturists and beachgoers are angered and concerned by state Department of Natural Resources the recent announcement.

A letter distributed on Feb. 6, by Ruthe Badger, a Department of Natural

DNR Public Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, March 16th

WHERE: Grand Avenue Elementary School
225 Grand Avenue, Prairie du Sac

Resources (DNR) regional director to "interested parties" stated that the DNR took initial steps last summer to reduce citizen and staff concerns at five state properties along the Lower Wisconsin Riverway. This included the Mazomanie Unit, also known as Mazo Beach, a legal clothing optional "nude" beach that has been in existence for nearly 50 years on the Wisconsin Riverway 25 miles from Madison.

Badger told *IN Step* that the DNR will host a public information meeting on March 16, at the Grand Avenue Elementary School located at 225 Grand Ave., in Prairie du Sac to answer questions and concerns regarding their management decisions and the unit's day use.

DNR Findings

The following comments are excerpts from the proposed DNR findings and recommendations.

"Management steps taken at the Mazomanie Unit alleviated some of the problems, especially underage drinking and unsafe vehicle operation on the beach. [Management] also hired an employee to monitor activity at five Upper Riverway Units, including Mazomanie. This employee provided an increased Department presence, collected data and answered the public's questions."

"[Management] also set-up automatic traffic counters on Conservation Road to record vehicle numbers. Among this past summer's observations weekend traffic counts averaged almost 500 vehicles parked along Conservation Road. Daily traffic volume on this road was often twice this number of vehicles. There were crowded camping sites, and on weekends, it was common to find over 150 tents on the beach and nearby sandbar. At least 40 people camped at the same location for weeks at a time, while at least 10 people used the sandbar and beach as their summer residence."

Regarding Public complaints, "the conservation warden, their summer employee and other Department staff completed 202 complaint/information forms. Conservation wardens issued 69 citations, with 21 for disorderly conduct."

The DNR letter states that "The high use and attendant beach related/camping activities are inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway's Environmental Impact Statement/Master Plan and the Mazomanie Unit's management goals."

"Management goals for the Mazomanie Unit, in part, are to increased leased acreage for public hunting, increase osprey nesting, implement steps to enhance waterfowl, pheasant and other hunting opportunities, and assure that the wildlife area retains its identity and purpose."

"The ever-increasing use at Mazomanie also places the property, [and] the Department, in conflict with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, who monitor the use of properties purchased and/or managed with federal hunting and fishing excise tax revenues. Wildlife,

native to lowland hardwood habitat types, is being displaced due to heavy public use." This writer can't help but wonder if the hunting may have something to do with that.

"The volume of people using this property [is] in direct conflict with these goals. The Riverway neither has the resources [n]or [the] staff to accommodate this "park"-type scenario. In addition, existing conditions on the beach and sandbar areas would not be in compliance with state and county health regulation standards for campgrounds due to safety and sanitary conditions."

At a recent meeting, South Central Region Department staff met with Secretary Meyer to discuss further management options for the Lower Wisconsin Riverway's Mazomanie Unit. Their options follow, and no one is sure to like them.

"Close Conservation Road to all but foot traffic for one mile of its approximately 1.2 mile length; provide parking sufficient to accommodate only walk-in use at a level commensurate with the properties ability to handle that amount of use; and close the entire unit from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The Mazomanie Unit will be open for day use only."

"The DNR will continue to monitor and collect data at the Mazomanie Unit this summer and [they] hope these steps

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will address public and Department concerns, along with [e]nsuring [that] the area's use is consistent with the Riverway's Master Plan and impact statement."

Citizen Reaction

The following are comments forwarded to Falk. They range from outright dismay and concern to constructive suggestions.

Timothy Joel Johnson of Madison wrote a lengthy letter directed to Badger and Falk. In it Johnson stated, "The bottom line is this: To the best of my knowledge, Mazo Beach is the only "legal" nude, clothing-optional beach in our 5-state Midwest area. This, in and of itself, has made Mazo Beach very popular and has certainly brought in more tourism and more business support opportunities in the immediate Mazomanie area."

Johnson feels that Mazo Beach is [a] goose that could lay lots of golden eggs for Dane County and the Mazomanie area. He mentions the revenues that would be lost for some governmental agency, as well as all kinds of nearby businesses, e.g. firewood, motels, camping supplies, grocery stores, etc." He feels that "The DNR wants to gut the heart and soul out of Mazo Beach."

Johnson goes on to mention out-of-state people who traveled considerable distances to get "to a place where nudism is legal and honored." He suggests turning Mazo Beach into an actual park, and getting the DNR out of the business of managing Mazo Beach. He says, "alternatively, Dane County could enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the DNR, in which Dane County could be responsible for the management of Mazo Beach as a park, and that DNR concerns about balancing

issues of habitat, wildlife and nature preservations could be ironed out."

Overnight camping should be allowed at the park; porta-johns could be set up, if feasible; there are already a few in the parking lot. The road to Mazo Beach could be paved and the parking area expanded. Johnson feels that, "there should be a fair and equitable system of having camping permits, perhaps similar to what is done in other Dane County parks, with an appropriate nominal fee, and appropriate fair and equitable rules for camping." He asks for lots of open public hearings to seek input as to fees and what [the] fair and equitable rules for camping would mean.

He feels that "if making us — the beach-going users — pay some nominal fees for the privilege of having a legal nude beach, open and available in our area, that it's a small price to pay, and one that would probably mean big revenue for Dane County or any enterprising state agency."

Another writer, in an apparent reference to Scott Thiede, the notorious "born-again Christian" and homophobe employed by the DNR, wrote, "Face it, the DNR seems to have more power over people's lives in this state than God. If one agent seems to have a vendetta, he (she) will eventually get their way." Another writer showed concern for the handicapped who also come to use the beach and will find walking the mile to the beach, not to mention traversing the beach itself, very difficult.

Other writers expressed their concerns over whether the writers of the report were ever at the beach to see the reverence with which beach users show toward the wildlife. One person wrote, "Wild life continues to use the area. I've seen deer [and] beavers and [I've] heard the owls, coyotes, and whippoorwills when [I was] in the area. The comments against hunting and killing wildlife were numerous."

It seems that the gay community has shown more concern and foresight for the preservation of Mazo Beach than many others who use the land along the Wisconsin River to justify their own twisted sense of morality. Certainly, we should all work towards a resolution of the problems presented by the DNR, but as yet another writer says, "I hope the people making decisions, respect the wishes of the people, while protecting the wildlife of the Wisconsin River."

Should any negative kinds of actions happen to you, your friends, or your family as they did during the summer of 1998, *IN Step* again includes the numbers of the DNR Supervisors. Please call Rick Wojciak, Lower Wisconsin Lands Leader (608) 935-3368, Tom Howard, Lower Wisconsin Central Sub-Team Leader (608) 935-3368, or Greg Matthews, Regional Public Affairs Manager (608) 275-3317, to voice your opinions. ▼

Group Notes

Pocan Calls Town Hall Meeting

Madison — State Representative Mark Pocan (D-Madison) is holding a legislative Town Hall" meeting to discuss state issues affecting the LGBT community. The meeting is set for Monday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the Madison Public Library.

"It is important that we have cohesive and statewide strategy to deal with upcoming issues such as adoption rights and domestic partnership legislation as they affect our community," said Pocan. "I hope we can have a constructive discussion about specific issues affecting the LGBT community and develop strategies to deal with them," he added.

Pocan said he looks forward to hearing from activists, community leaders and other interested parties. The intention of the meeting, according to Pocan, is to develop some concrete legislative proposals for the LGBT community as well as prepare a network to respond to any potential negative legislation.

If you are interested in learning more about the meeting, or are unable to attend, but would like to pass along comments, you can reach Pocan at (608) 266-8570 or e-mail him at mark.pocan@legis.state.wi.us.

The Madison Public Library is located at 201 W. Mifflin St. in downtown Madison.

'Make a Promise' to Move to Midwest Express Center

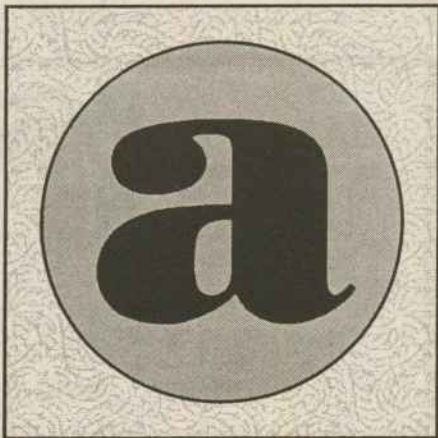
Milwaukee — On April 10, guests attending the 13th annual Make a Promise dinner, dance and auction will enjoy new additions to the already successful and highly regarded event benefiting the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin. Make a Promise will be at the glamorous Midwest Express Center, featuring an exceptional silent auction, community leadership awards, live music, swing dancing and a jazz lounge.

"Make a Promise symbolizes our community's commitment to effective efforts to prevent the spread of HIV and provide care to those living with HIV and AIDS. As the epidemic continues to worsen, the importance of this event increases," said Jim Schleif, ARCW director of development.

Guests familiar with Make a Promise will recognize a sumptuous dinner, exciting silent auction, and the presentation of the Sterling and Red Rose Awards for community service. The awards are presented to a person, organization or company for outstanding leadership and meritorious service to the community in response to the AIDS epidemic.

"Purchasing one ticket at \$75 will reach 800 at-risk teenagers with HIV prevention presentations. Bidding \$500 on an auction item will help recruit new HIV drug trials to Wisconsin," Schleif said.

Ticket prices for the Make a Promise dinner, dance and auction are \$175, \$100, and \$75 per person. People are welcome to organize a table of 10, and 80 table hosts have already committed to organizing tables for the evening. For more information or to make a reservation, call 414-225-1517 or 800-359-9272, ext. 217.





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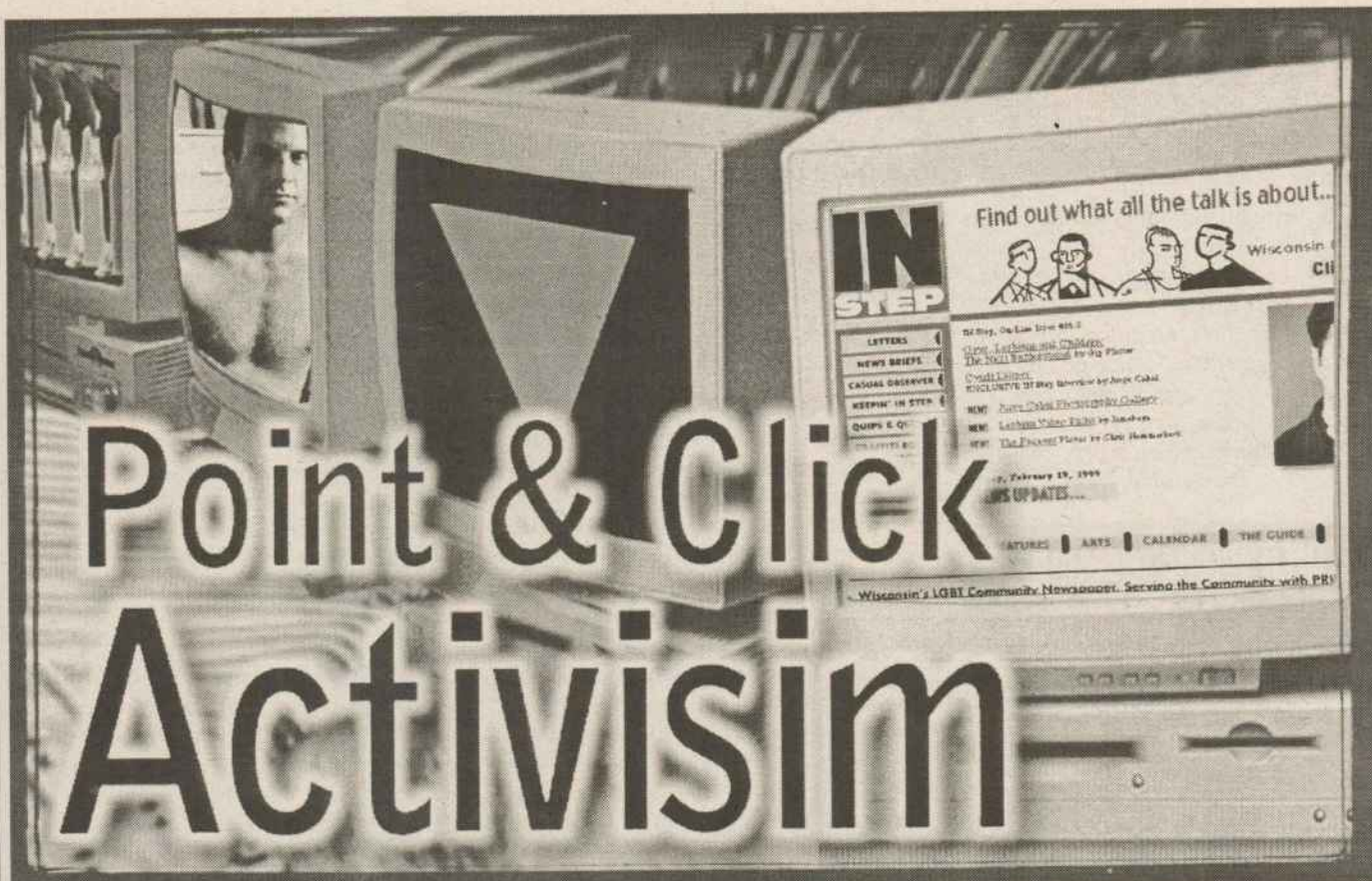
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Virtual Activism and the Internet

by Keith Clark
of the IN Step staff.

"Virtual activism" has increasingly become a phenomenon in the rarefied world of the Internet where controversies and clashes can erupt, rage and resolve almost faster than people can learn about them.

Case in point: In mid-January a Seattle-based Web-cast radio talk show sent a listener's complaint about derogatory synonyms for the word "homosexual" listed in the online version of Merriam-Webster's thesaurus to the Springfield, Mass., company. Using the online thesaurus, among the choicer synonyms you'd find were words such as "faggot," "fruit," "pansy," "swish" and "pederast."

The Internet advocacy group Wired Strategies picked up on the issue and sent out e-mail alerts about the thesaurus entries, and the media watchdog group, GLAAD (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) quickly followed suit in complaining about the thesaurus.

But by the time most people had received the flurry of press releases and activist alerts, Merriam-Webster had already excised the entry from its online thesaurus in keeping with what the company says is a decades-old policy against including offensive slurs against minority groups. The issue had been revealed, corrected and become a virtual non-issue almost before activists

could do anything about it.

Only a week later, the giant Intel Corporation, which manufactures nearly 85 percent of the central processing units (CPUs) that are the real brains of the world's desktop computers, found itself embroiled in controversy over the announcement that its new Pentium III chips could "out" gays and lesbians on the Internet.

Intel had recently announced proudly that each new Pentium III would have a unique identification code that it said would make buying things over the Internet more secure because a Web site would recognize your computer processor's ID number and know whether a credit card being used belonged to the owner of that computer or not.

But, again, GLAAD and Wired Strategies quickly complained that identifying computer users unasked would "pierce that veil of privacy" and allow Web site owners "to compile a massive record of what you do and who you are online."

John Aravosis of Wired Strategies said, "One of the attractions of the Internet to gay people is the ability to surf anonymously. Some Web surfers might not want people knowing they visit a lot of gay Web sites."

GLAAD's Joan Garry was even more blunt: "As we have seen with Timothy McVeigh, the gay Navy man who was 'outed' by an ambiguous America OnLine profile, an invasion of privacy can lead to even further isolation, often meaning loss of home and job."

But almost before anyone could shout "Big Brother Is Watching," Intel quickly switched its technological plans for the Pentium III and announced instead that the new CPUs would be modified so that the identification would be disabled unless users themselves switched it on.

Then just a day later, Wired Strategies reported that computer software giant Microsoft's top-ranked travel Web site, Expedia.com, was promoting a sweepstakes that included a vacation stay at the notoriously anti-gay Caribbean resort chain, Sandals, which explicitly bans gay and lesbian couples.

Once again, the activist alert prompted almost immediate response and, in less than 24 hours Microsoft had disconnected its Web link to the Sandals Luxury Resorts. A Microsoft spokesperson later said the software company wasn't aware of the

resort's anti-gay policies, although the hotel's Web site that was linked to Expedia.com made it quite clear that only opposite-sex couples were allowed to stay at the resort's facilities in Jamaica and the Bahamas.

Once again, Internet activism had moved so rapidly that before many people even knew about it, the problem had been resolved.

On a more chilling level, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network (SLDN) says it is now reviewing several hundred recent military discharges to see if the Pentagon has actively used Internet snooping techniques to identify soldiers believed to be gay or lesbian in order to discharge them, contrary to the intent of the Defense Department's "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy.

"We're currently going through 400 cases from the past year to see how many have involved the use of the Internet or e-mail," says C. Dixon Osburn of SLDN. "Were people discharged or actions taken? We're sending out Freedom of Information Act requests nationwide to bases to find out what the Internet policies are from base to base."

That might have seemed like a bit of activist paranoia before the Navy started discharge proceedings against former Chief Petty Officer Timothy McVeigh last year based on his profile at his personal AOL account.

The Navy insisted that because McVeigh's online profile identified his "marital status" as "gay" he had outted himself, and it was therefore completely within the guidelines of the Pentagon policy in seeking out evidence about McVeigh's sexual orientation.

A federal court later ruled that the Navy was dead wrong and McVeigh eventually resigned with his full commission and retirement benefits.

Now SLDN is looking for evidence that the Navy's snooping into McVeigh's personal AOL account perhaps was not an isolated incident and that his case may only have been the proverbial tip of the iceberg.

In an effort to keep up with this quickly evolving medium, GLAAD recently announced its merger with Digital Queers, an organization that started up in 1992 mainly to help provide technological assistance and education for gays and lesbians online. At the same time, GLAAD says it is searching for someone to head up its New Media Resource Center in San Francisco, a post it has given the unlikely informal title of "internet evangelist."

Among other things, GLAAD's new 'Net evangelist is supposed to work with activists to beef up their use of the Internet "as a powerful form of media that can strengthen the lesbian and gay community's ability to mobilize and effect change."

But life on the Internet can be a strange, if not downright unreal, place in

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medium not only carries the ability to almost instantly convey information to enormous numbers of people around the world, it also can reach millions with misinformation as well.

One of the better known incidents of this was in November 1996 when Pierre Salinger, former press secretary to President John F. Kennedy, announced to the world that TWA Flight 800, which mysteriously exploded in mid-air after leaving New York earlier that year, was the victim of friendly fire from U.S. military missiles. Salinger later had to retract his claim after investigators found that the online information he had based his charges on was entirely bogus.

And deliberately misleading information isn't limited just to military conspiracy theorists.

In late January fundamentalist e-mail lists began getting a series of messages from someone identified as "Sandy Shaw." In these e-mails, Shaw said her 22 year old son, David, had been hospitalized in Edmonton, Alberta, after being sexually assaulted by a "gang" of homosexuals. Over the course of several days of e-mail, "Sandy Shaw" told the e-mail list among other things, that her son had repelled an unwanted sexual advance from a gay man but that he was later attacked by a gang of five homosexuals in a parking lot, beaten with steel rods and then raped.

Shaw also claimed that a police officer said the attackers "belonged to some sort of homosexual group called 'Queer Nation'" and that four of the attackers had been arrested.

In a later e-mail message, Shaw said she was writing from the Divine Mercy Hospital in Edmonton where she said David was in a coma with serious head injuries. A later e-mail to the list reported that David Shaw had died of injuries received in the attack and called on list subscribers to pray for the young man.

The problem is, there is no such hospital located in Edmonton or indeed anywhere in Alberta province. And, according to the Magnus Hirschfeld Centre for Human Rights, which had been trying to track down any information about the e-

mail report, despite the rather sensational nature such an attack would represent, there had been no news reports in any Edmonton area news publications.

Even more telling, Edmonton police say they have no record of any such crime, no record of the young man's name who supposedly was killed, and no arrest records that even remotely match those reported to the e-mail list.

Nevertheless, the reported rape-murder of the mythical David Shaw by his equally mysterious parent has quickly gained credibility among far-right activists and anti-gay fundamentalists.

The e-mail tale, so similar in some ways to the events surrounding the death of University of Wyoming gay student Matthew Shepard in October, it seems is another urban legend generated via the Internet. But unlike other Internet legends — like the spurious "Good Times Virus" or equally silly reports that Congress is about to enact a law authorizing local phone companies to charge by the minute for connections to the Internet — this faked murder report may have an agenda more insidious than a simple prank.

Another concern some activists also raise is whether virtual activism is actually activism or just a kind of "activism lite."

One example that's sometimes cited is the 1997 World AIDS Day event, promoted by the AIDS Action Council, as the "Until It's Over e-March" — an electronic virtual march on Washington in which people were encouraged to visit a council Web site, complete with an image of the Washington Mall, where they could send e-mail messages to national political leaders about the importance of continuing to fight the AIDS epidemic.

Mike Kaulbars of the Peace and Environment Resource Centre says it's a political mistake to assume that because you put up a Web site or run an activist e-mail list that it's necessarily having much effect. After all, Kaulbars argues, "One assumption is that computers allow the activist community to do more to fight the evils of this world. Maybe, but please remember that the institutions that we find ourselves in conflict with also have computers."

Kaulbars also says virtual activism on

the Internet can easily lead to a kind of passivity that actually undermines activism.

"The most destructive thing about the electronic revolution," he says, "is that it has created virtual activism, the game where by setting up Web sites and sending e-mails you can create the illusion of being an activist. Activism has always been, and will always be, the art of talking directly to people who do not necessarily want to hear what you have to say. The whole computer driven communications media is passive in that people can and do click off that depressing stuff ... and instead go to a more interesting site."

Loren Javier, GLAAD's interactive media director, doesn't entirely agree and says it's "good that everybody gets to play their own type of activist," insisting that the Internet is the most powerful grassroots organizing tool activists have ever had.

Javier acknowledges that the Internet can lull people into a false sense of activism, but he says the final measure of success is whether what people do results in change or not. Citing the case of Intel and the Merriam-Webster online thesaurus, Javier says the two recent online incidents are examples of quick changes that people in fact brought about via the Internet.

What still remains uncertain, however, is whether online activism has much impact beyond changing the Internet itself in areas such as helping pass legislation or getting out the vote in elections.

Activists on both side of this debate are likely to be arguing it well into the 21st century, however, because — among other things — just trying to gauge the impact of a flood of e-mail on a bill before Congress or whether a Web site helped turn out more voters to get a candidate elected is nearly impossible. Lawmakers increasingly mention e-mail they get about legislation, and candidates of all persuasions regularly set up Web sites touting their background, voting record, and issues they think are important. But so far no one has ever actually indicated a legislator's vote was changed or that the electorate went to the polls in records numbers because of anything that's taken place on the Internet. ▼

AIDS Advocates to Rally in Madison

Milwaukee — The AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin will rally more than 150 concerned citizens in Madison on Thursday, March 25, for Wisconsin's first ever AIDS legislative event, Saving Lives, Responding to AIDS: AIDS Advocates at the Capitol.

The Wisconsin legislature will soon begin working on the 1999 - 2001 state budget, and ARCW is organizing a lobbying day to inform elected officials about HIV and AIDS funding needs for the next two years.

"Our goal is to bring more than 150 AIDS advocates from all parts of Wisconsin to Madison. The clear message must be that AIDS is not over. Advocates will work to build support for effective public policies," said Mike Gifford, ARCW deputy executive director.

Gifford explained the need for people to participate, citing that half of all new HIV infections are among young people; that HIV is on the rise within many communities; and the need for HIV and AIDS services is at a record high.

AIDS Action Wisconsin, ARCW's grassroots public policy network, is coordinating this event. Participants will learn about and discuss with their elected officials the important HIV/AIDS public policy issues facing across the state. Specifically, rally participants will advocate for the state's first-ever broad-based HIV prevention initiative.

Individuals and groups are encouraged to participate in the lobby day. In the morning, advocates will learn how to lobby and receive talking points on key HIV prevention and care issues. A luncheon gathering will rally advocates before participating in scheduled meetings with state senators and representatives in the afternoon. There are no fees for participating in any of the day's events.

For more information about Saving Lives, Responding to AIDS: AIDS Advocates at the Capitol, please call Laurie Marks at 800-359-9272, ext. 297.

Positive Voice Hosts 'A Day of Self Discovery'

Green Bay — A Day Of Self Discovery '99 (DOSD) has been designated as an official preliminary event to "Equality Begins At Home" (EB@H), a nationwide general event geared for grassroots lobbying efforts and local networking of the LGBT community. The event, which will be held on Sunday, March 6 at Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Dr., Kimberly will have registration from 9 to 9:30 a.m. The conference, itself will run from 9 a.m. through 3:45 p.m.

Featured speakers will be Scott Fearing, former Coordinator of Education and Training for the Gay and Lesbian Community Action Council, who will make his appearance with a grant from NGLTF. His appearance is sponsored by Action Wisconsin and EB@H. David Kopay, former Green Bay Packer and author of the "Dave Kopay Story" will also be a featured speaker, as will Miriam Ben-Shalom, who is regarded as a pioneer in the LGBT struggle for equality.

Entertainers Kitty Rosman and Scott Jennings will perform at the conference.

The rates for the conference, on orders received before March 3, are \$30 for Positive Voice members and \$34 for non-members. Registration on the day of the event is \$38 for all attendees. For more information, call Positive Voice at (920) 435-4404.

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Postscript to "Why the Republicans Will Fail"

Opinion by Dave Runyon

On his Jan. 21 show, Geraldo Rivera reported that the Rev. Pat Robertson had called off the trial against Bill Clinton in the US Senate on Wed., January 20. Robertson signaled his "toads" to call it quits. What's going on here?

Of course, Pat knows he doesn't have the power, nor does the Senate have the votes, to throw the president out of office; and, even if he could, Gore would be more of the same political genre. Therefore, nothing would really be accomplished in the long run, and, trust me, Pat Robertson is in it for the long run.

It's a stunt, a posturing, a fantasy, a "let's pretend" that he really has the power to call the shots — that he can turn his power "on" or "off" any time he pleases in the future — timing is everything when a magician does his trick. Because Pat comes from red neck, white trash, macho dinosaur stock, he's into the power game, or the illusion that he can play that card and the House and Senate will dance to his tune. And he can get away with it! Why?

Because he has lots of money behind him, and because those in the House and Senate are financially vulnerable; especially the House, where they are up for reelection every two years — and it's horrifically expensive to get elected/re-elected. It takes very big money.

As I have said many times, the really important battles will be those fought between corporations (\$\$\$ contributions), not by the people and their government. As they say, "It's the money, stupid!" Only corporations have that big a chunk of money.

This is a situation that the Founding Fathers never contemplated, and that's why we need to open up the issue of state charters of corporations. They are supposed to function for the common good. We need to control campaign finance reform at the state level — like tobacco companies? Cough! Cough! We have allowed the courts to define the paramet-

ters of the corporation rather than the legislature, and if you think the courts kiss corporate ass, think what state legislatures do!

Here at the state level, people have a better chance to play the "child" card (save our children from lung cancer, stroke, etc.) Some judges get elected (\$\$\$), others are appointed. First-rate people select first-rate people; second-rate people select third-rate people, Tommy Thompson selects ...

But let's be clear. Until the next election, Pat Robertson will try to get away with the illusion that he can pull the strings of the members of the House of Representatives as well as the Senate. So the action to watch will be the battle of the big money in the Republican Party: moderates vs. the Neo-Know-Nothing

Extremist Right Wing corporations like, Coors Beer and Rockwell, etc., who are financially supporting the Religious Right quacks like Ryan in Janesville, Sensenbrenner in

Milwaukee, etc. This is the millennium clash to watch — not the Concerned Christians who dropped out of sight, only to re-emerge in Jerusalem with a planned shoot-out with the police to hasten the Second Coming of Christ.

There will be more silly shit like this in the next two years, but that's so nutty it makes Robertson look tame, which, of course, is part of the game plan. There is a difference between the "nuts" and the "quacks." The nuts like Christians Concerned function as a decoy. Our real focus is to watch how extreme right wing corporations use their money through Pat Robertson, and those like him, to manipulate elections to elect officials in the upcoming electoral races in the year 2000. On second thought, maybe we need to do rather than just watch. Check out your local new party; here in Madison it's called Progressive Dane.

Letters

Albrecht on Politics

Dear Editor—

Over the last five weeks, hundreds (literally) of people asked me why I ran for the Milwaukee School Board. In responding, I was often tongue-tied, sometimes passionate or eloquent, other times incoherent. Really, my rationale was not that complex.

Primarily, I entered the race because public schools should be about social justice — ensuring that everyone has an equal opportunity at a good education — and not grandstanding politics. Otherwise, particularly with 65% of the 103,000 children in Milwaukee Public Schools being of color, generation after generation of oppression and marginalization is fueled by a faltering public education program. Presently, the school board is congested with politics and has lost sight of this very simple truth. Even now, the issue makes my heart race.

Secondly, I am, by choice, an urban dweller and support the Milwaukee community. One hundred and three thousand children are not a glance at the city's future, they are the future.

Lastly, I strongly believe that more gays and lesbians need to become involved in politics. It is not enough to pursue the attention of public officials, we must become public officials.

In a race against the teacher's union endorsement and the mayor's endorsement, I did not win. But I didn't lose, either. It was truly an amazing, disciplining and insightful adventure.

I want to thank the true leaders who supported and inspired me throughout this campaign. They include, but are certainly not limited to: Joe Becker, Maggi Cage, Tim Carpenter, Rosemary Potter, Carlos Rodriguez and, of course, the staff at the IN Step World Headquarters.

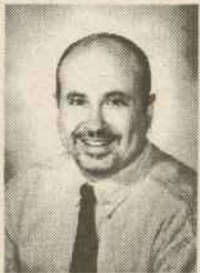
If, in fact, this is only the beginning of a long and productive political career, I sincerely hope that I have lots of good company at my side.

Neil Albrecht
Milwaukee



Captiol View

by Mark Pocan



As the legislative session progresses, it's important that we are able to address the needs of the LGBT community in a continuing fashion. To that end

I have called a community meeting to be held on March 1, in Room 202 of the Madison Public Library, 201 W. Mifflin St. from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All interested parties are welcome.

This meeting was called in the hope of creating an environment in which we can address legislative strategy. We need a cohesive and statewide strategy to deal with upcoming issues such as adoption rights and domestic partnership legislation, and anything else that may hit us.

I hope to be hearing from activist and community leaders and other parties with information they wish to contribute. I can't overstate the usefulness of getting a ongoing sense of specific issues that affect the LGBT community and what we can do to address these issues. Understanding, strategy, and action come from the perspectives gained from listening. And, as we know, individuals have always led in the history of LGBT civil rights.

One of the goals here is to develop a proactive strategy to deal with possible upcoming hostile legislation that may be introduced this session. Currently, I am not aware of anything in the legislative pipeline but, again, we need to be prepared and ready to respond. I hope you can attend.

If you have any questions, or are unable to attend, but would like to pass along comments, you can reach me at (608) 266-8570 or E-mail me at mark.pocan@legis.state.wi.us. That applies anytime, and not just regarding this meeting.

Adoption Bill

Currently, I am introducing a bill that will allow for non-married couples to adopt. It will also change legislation regarding custody, support and physical placement of children as well as guardianship and visitation rights. As the legislation progresses I will keep you informed.

We already have had some response on this issue. Other legislators have been hearing from their constituents and we have been talking with them to inform them of the true intent of the bill, which is to protect the rights of children.

Spring Election

An issue that will have an effect on our community is the upcoming spring election for the State Supreme Court. A conservative Green Bay attorney, Sharen Rose, is challenging the seat currently held by Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson. Mark Neumann supports Rose! Mr. Human Rights himself. And Ms. Rose has retained the services of Neumann's campaign manager and media team. What do you think that will produce? Look for one of the most negative campaigns in the history of Wisconsin Supreme Court elections.

Chief Justice Abrahamson is a great friend of the community. She is a brilliant attorney who has fought for reproductive choice, civil rights and more. It is absolutely vital that she be re-elected on April 6. PLEASE VOTE!

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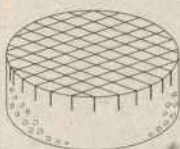
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IN STRAIGHT ANSWERS



by Christopher Ott

Q: Isn't acceptance of homosexuality a dangerous social experiment?

A few weeks after Jerry Falwell surprised the country with his pronouncement that the Antichrist — a "male Jew" — is probably alive somewhere on the planet right now, America's favorite ham-handed moralist rolled out another shocker: The Teletubby "Tinky Winky," with his purple body, red handbag and triangle-shaped antenna, is gay.

Falwell wasn't the first to complain about Tinky Winky, but he has jumped merrily into the fray. "As a Christian, I believe that role-modeling the gay lifestyle is damaging to the moral lives of children," Falwell stated in the wake of the recent controversy. "Children's minds are our most precious resource and should be treated with care," he added, and went on to question the motives of children's television programmers.

For once, Jerry Falwell may be on to something.

Falwell gets things disastrously wrong by worrying about the influence of Tinky Winky's purse, but there is a real issue here: Parents have got to be stark raving mad to let kids to watch the Teletubbies. Tinky Winky's gender-bending isn't a problem, but encouraging kids to watch more television (with a merchandising tie-in), earlier than they already do, definitely is. And if that weren't bad enough, encouraging kids to watch TV about watching TV — as they do every time the Teletubbies' built-in sets kick in — is downright perverse.

The fact that Jerry Falwell and company are getting excited about the sexual orientation of a purple munchkin doesn't come as much surprise. They have zeroed in on a side-issue that is, at best, laughable, while they ignore a much more serious problem. Unfortunately, this is something that anti-gay conservatives do all the time.

In fact, one of the arguments against "accepting the gay lifestyle" is that to do so would be a "dangerous social experiment." Let two girls or two boys kiss, the thinking goes, and it's curtains for marriage, cohesion in the armed forces, and human civilization in general.

What is most disturbing about this view is not the idea that tolerance is a "dangerous experiment" (although that's pretty disturbing). Instead, it's the cluelessness about other real dangers

that this view shows. Let's face it: Every one of us is a guinea pig in more potentially dangerous "social experiments" than you can shake your little red handbag at. Getting nearly all our entertainment electronically (now starting shortly after birth, thanks to Tinky Winky and friends) is a social experiment. Building an economy that would collapse if people didn't buy things they don't really need is a vast social experiment. Building a society in which people are viewed as "human resources" in the pursuit of profits at any price is a terrifying social experiment.

By comparison, the "social experiment" of tolerating differences in sexual orientation sounds pretty good.

When anti-gay conservatives argue that acceptance of gay people is a "dangerous social experiment," ask them if they are against all social experiments, or only the ones that allow them to find fault with others.

Q: Would gay parents makes their children gay?

The assumption behind this question is that sexual orientation can be chosen or induced, and that gay parents want their children to be gay and will do whatever they can to steer them toward "the gay lifestyle."

It is possible that the children of gay parents (whether the children are biological or adopted) might happen to be gay, and that gay parents could desperately want their children to share their sexual orientation. After all, most straight parents do. But there is nothing that anyone can do to make anybody else gay.

It's also important to remind people who ask this question that gay parenting is not new. Parents who come out after the end of a straight relationship don't proceed to "turn their children gay."

If it were possible for parents to ensure or even directly influence the sexual orientation of their children, there would be almost no gay people in the world. Nearly all of us have straight parents who wanted us to be straight, or who at least assumed that we would be. The fact that millions more of us keep getting born in each generation in spite of this is some of the strongest evidence that sexual orientation is not a choice or something that parents or anybody else (even Tinky Winky) have much direct influence over.

Straight Answers is a monthly column devoted to answering questions about gay life and helping to change anti-gay attitudes. If you have a question to suggest, please write to sa@sipu.com or in care of IN Step.



Janet Reno

Gay Hair?

"I don't know, but her hair is."

—Lesbian comedian Kate Clinton on the question of whether U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno is a lesbian, to The New York Times.

No Homos

"There is no such thing as a homosexual or heterosexual person. In theory all are bi. In practise some are this, some are that, some exclusively, some part-time. The point is that were it not for the three monotheistic religions that have made a nice hell of all human relations — so that we shall love God the father all the more? — no one would have thought to categorize anyone because of his sexual interests. ... I suggest we work together to flush Judaism, Christianity and Islam into the Mediterranean and restore the Greco-Roman world, where, believe it or not, there was no word for fag or dyke, nor was there any conception that an occasional sexual activity constituted an entire personality."

—Author Gore Vidal to London's Gay Times, February issue.

Quips & Quotes

The Price of Fame

"All my movies [have], in some way, to do with fame, because most people believe that that will solve all their problems. And all it does is give you a whole different set of problems. I'm not complaining. I have zero patience for celebrities who gripe about someone taking their picture. Princess Di should've slowed down and waved."

—Gay filmmaker John Waters to London's Gay Times, February issue.

Queer Marketing

"[The Human Rights Campaign's] quarterly glossy peddles 'Equality Denim Shirts' (\$42), 'Equality Bears' (stuffed with fluff, not the breathing, hirsute, hefty bar-going types) (\$29), Equality Ties (\$45), and four full pages of other 'Equality' items. Dawn wouldn't be surprised to read in tomorrow's newspaper that Kraft Foods has acquired [HRC] with plans to launch a new line of lavender processed cheese food, Equality Spread (with chives!), to be smeared on Equality Wafers (baked for low-cal crispness!) — Liz Birch could peddle the morsels on TV, urging viewers to 'snack their way to freedom!'"

—Columnist Dawn Ivory in her Dirty Dishes column in the national gay magazine The Guide, February issue.

He's Gay...

"I have always been gay. My wife and I discussed this before we were married. ... I have always been liberal on social issues of this kind, and part of the way we have lived our lives is occasionally I would go away for a weekend. ... I have to admit I'm in love

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—British Member of the European Parliament Tom Spencer, 50, who was outed in the press after Customs officials found marijuana cigarettes and prohibited gay erotica in his luggage.

Dear Abby on Homos...

"Being gay (or straight) is not a matter of choice. People who do not know this belong in the dark ages."

—Dear Abby, Feb. 3.

"Fuck you, Ann Landers."

—Ann Northrop, co-host of the New York City TV program GAY USA, on the Jan. 28 show, after Landers said gays' partners should not be named on wedding invitations and warned a teen-age girl not to stay overnight again with a friend she suspected might be a lesbian.

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"They should go home! It's scary. They have cooties."

—Agnes Piva, 75, a resident of San Francisco's Castro neighborhood, speaking at a public meeting in opposition to a plan to create a gay-youth homeless shelter at the Eureka Valley Recreation Center on



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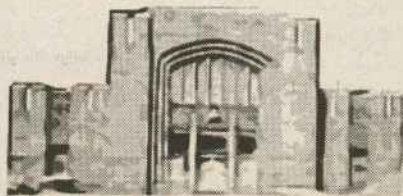
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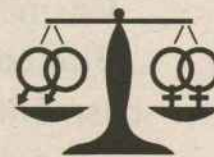
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Camp will take place in Newfield, New Jersey, 45 minutes from Philadelphia, on an ACA-accredited site with platform tents, pool, lake and hiking trails. Youth work experience is required for staff. For more information, e-mail mountainmeadow@yahoo.com, call (215) 848-7566, or write to Mountain Meadow, 1521 Hubbard, #5, Detroit, MI 48209. Visit their website at http://nimbus.temple.edu/~hashley/meadow_home.htm

Come Blow Your Horn with Milwaukee Gay Marching Band

Efforts to organize a gay and lesbian marching band are still under way here in Milwaukee. While there has been some response since PrideFest, the committee is still looking for more individuals to help get this effort off the ground. There are currently 16 individuals who have shown interest, and the committee would like to

be able to double that number in order to get started.

Their main goal is to provide Milwaukee's Pride parade with a unique marching band. Some other ideas include possible travel to other cities to perform in their pride parades and celebrations. They are also entertaining the idea of performing concerts in the local area as well throughout the year.

Anyone having any musical instruments in working order that they would like to donate is asked to contact the Marching Band at the telephone or address listed below. Let's not let this opportunity go by to show our pride by making music together! The band has a good start, but needs that extra commitment from a few more people.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the band or who would like to assist in the organization of the group is asked to call (414) 383-1373 or send a letter to: Marching Band, 1006 S. 4th St. #2, Milwaukee, WI 53204.

Dawson's Creek Goes Homo

Dawson's Creek is drawing kudos from The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) and the Gay, Lesbian & Straight Education Network (GLSEN) after series creator and executive producer **Kevin Williamson**, the WB Network and the creative team of **Dawson's Creek** brought an openly gay teen to the hit television series.

On the Feb. 10 episode series regular Jack McPhee (**Kerr Smith**) was forced to read a poem before his class, in that he

spoke of his feelings toward another man. Jack denied subsequent rumors which were circulating at the fictitious Capeside High School, and ignored derogatory remarks made by other students, as well as an incident in which his locker was vandalized. Furthermore, Jack told girlfriend Joey Potter (**Katie Holmes**) that he was not gay. Yet on the Feb. 17 episode, Jack came out to his father, his sister Andie (**Meredith Monroe**), and later to Joey. While his father disapproved, both Andie and Joey were supportive of him. Jack is the first openly lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender series regular on the WB Network, and joins 25 others on the growing list of diverse television representations.

For a complete list of regular and recurring lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender characters on television, please refer to the "TV Scoreboard," available on GLAAD's Web site, GLAAD Online, at <http://www.glaad.org/glaad/scoreboard/index.html>.

I Want My Gay TV!

In the wake of the **Tinky Winky** fiasco, religious right would-be censors are now suggesting that TV networks adopt a "HC" warning for programs with gay themes, content or characters. People For the American Way Foundation have reacted to an apparently serious proposal by the Christian Action Network that would require placing a scarlet letter on all television shows that contain such "homosexual content."

"What they're proposing goes far beyond current warning labels that alert viewers to explicit adult content," said PFAWF President **Carole Shields**.

"This is an obvious attempt to stigmatize an entire group of Americans."

The Christian Action Network announced that it would launch a grassroots campaign to have its "HC" warning label placed on all programming with "homosexual content." It claimed in a press release that "more than two dozen homosexual characters" are portrayed weekly on network television alone (presumably, this figure includes Tinky Winky, the Teletubby, who was "outed" without his permission last week by the Rev. **Jerry Falwell**).

"The sad fact that groups on the fringe of American politics would seek to target gay and lesbian TV characters in this manner points out how far we still have to go to achieve the American dream of justice," Shields said. "With this proposed content rating, the Christian Action Network seeks to put a slanderous smear on gay and lesbian Americans."

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Sideshow Saints

Interview and photo by Waswo

As the Milwaukee Art Museum displays *Sinners and Saints*, a celebration of Caravaggio and his Dutch and Flemish followers, it is perhaps fitting that some attention be paid to a Milwaukee native who has explored the saintly and the sinful in his own twisted way.

Fred Stonehouse has been written about in *The New York Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*. His work has appeared between the covers of *Art in America* and *The New Art Examiner*. He has been reviewed everywhere from the *Shepherd Express* to *The Los Angeles Times*, and his work hangs in galleries throughout the country. Yet, Fred Stonehouse seems like the kind of guy you might run into at a local bowling alley.

He has a head and hands that somehow seem too large for his body, and he walks and speaks with a sort of pugilistic toughness. It is only his steady gaze that intimates how perceptive this artist can be.

I met Fred on the front porch of his unpretentious West Allis bungalow. He ushered me into his studio, walking me past skulls, crucifixes, totem poles, and his own moodily surreal paintings. We sat beside an easel, having the following conversation.

Waswo: I just saw one of your paintings at the Milwaukee Art

Museum. Whenever I stand in galleries or museums looking at your work I overhear people saying things like "he paints just like an Old Master." Where did you learn to paint? Are you self-taught?

Fred Stonehouse: I went to school at UWM. I didn't learn to paint at UWM because you don't learn to paint in art school. There's a few schools around the country that still teach people how to paint, but UWM isn't one of them.

I knew I wanted to develop a certain amount of control. I paint in acrylic, not oil, so it doesn't naturally lend itself to this kind of painting. Acrylics dry really fast. You can't manipulate them over a long period of time, so you have to work fast and furious.

You can see my studio. It's small. The heaters are in the same space. I didn't want a lot of solvents and stuff to inhale. And I don't like waiting for things to dry. I want quick results. The paintings take quite a while, but they don't take months and months like they would if I was using traditional "old master" techniques. I figured it out on my own, how to do this.

You'll have to excuse me. Sometimes when I talk I sound like a real Milwaukee South Sider.

IN Step: Don't worry, so do I.

FS: I got back from San Francisco and got

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Present Music's Diva Madness!

On March 6, singer Dora Ohrenstein of New York City, will join Milwaukee's Present Music to perform an exciting variety of music at the First Unitarian Meeting House, 900 University Bay Drive, in Madison. Ohrenstein has performed throughout the world as a soloist with renowned ensembles such as Phillip Glass and Steve Reich. She will perform "Calamity Jane" by Ben Johnson from her Urban Diva collection.

In addition to her portrayal of the wild west heroine, Ohrenstein will perform "Life Story," a jazzy piece by British composer Thomas Ades, set to a poem by Tennessee Williams about a disillusioned lover after the act. Ohrenstein will also

explore the dark side with a performance of "What are the Sins" by George Antheil.

Present Music violinist Eric Segnitz, cellist Paul Gmeinder, and pianist Phillip Bush will perform "Trio" by Charles Ives. Segnitz and Bush will complete the program with "Sonata No.2" by George Antheil. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$7.50 for students. For more information, please call (414) 271-0711.

Florentine Opera Presents Deborah Voigt In Concert

The Florentine Opera welcomes internationally acclaimed dramatic soprano Deborah Voigt to Milwaukee in a rare concert performance of

arias by Verdi and Wagner. Florentine Opera Artistic Advisor and Principal Conductor Joseph Rescigno, accompanied by the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, will conduct Voigt in this special concert event on Wed., March 24, at 7:30 p.m. in Uihlein Hall of the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts.

Voigt's concert will include arias from the dramatic soprano repertoire including Verdi arias from "Macbeth," "Aida" and "Ernani" and arias from the Wagner operas "Tannhauser," "The Flying Dutchman" and "Tristan und Isolde." Tickets may be ordered by calling (414) 273-7206, or you may pick them up in person at the Marcus Center Box Office. Tickets are also available from TicketMaster by calling (414) 276-4545.

First International Queer Arts Expo

QAR is seeking art in all media for a juried Web exhibit that addresses issues facing young queers. \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded and there is no entry fee. Artists may be 23 years old or younger. The deadline is March 22, 1999.

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Ballet Wisconsin (formerly Et toi, to dances?) is a chamber company formed in 1991. The company is dedicated to performing classical repertory, presenting new works by talented choreographers [who are] working with professional dancers, and educating through teaching, touring and community outreach. Ballet Wisconsin will present a humorous merging of contemporary ballet, the corporate world, and Mozart's beautiful "Exsultate Jubilate K165."

Ed Burgess & Janet Lilly are two well-known and respected local choreographers and dancers. They will perform an intensely physical duet exploring the absurd and the imagistic. Using the Adagio from Schubert's "String Quartet in C opus 163," Burgess and Lilly explore their interpretation of "distilled romanticism."

Betty Salamun's DanceCircus celebrates over 20 years of inspiring, challenging and entertaining performances. Their repertoire includes dances by Artistic Director Betty Salamun. The company will pay homage to a group of indigenous South Americans and their struggle for survival of their land and culture. They will also explore how the Achuar Indians use their collective dreams to govern their lives.

Danceworks Performance Company burst into the Milwaukee scene in 1997 with dance performance and instruction and community outreach. See what happens when they take on swing and create a wacky extravaganza celebrating the beauty and energy of classic swing dance and funky modern dance.

Foothold Dance Collective's festival piece features Tom Thoreson and Diane Vanderhei, who will explore the notion of dancing over 40. With literal and figurative references to "the middle ages," their piece will challenge the dance culture as one that is reserved for the young.

Ko Thi Dance Company's 30-year artistic history has been a journey of struggle, resolution and joy. The company is considered one of America's leading African-American dance companies, specializing in African, African-American and Caribbean dance music. With native drumming styles from Africa, Ko Thi will share a work from their repertoire with a fresh new interpretation.

Wild Space Dance Company, founded in 1986 continues to develop an outstanding array of dance works. Their performance will explore issues and ideas of appropriation in four sections, including "finders-keepers," "losers-weepers," and "opening truths and elaborate claims."

A student matinee will be held Thursday, March 18 at 10 a.m.. Students from Roosevelt Middle School and dance students from Milwaukee High School of the

Arts (MHSA) will attend. MHSA will contribute a piece from their February concert in the matinee performance. On Tuesday, Mar. 9 at 7 p.m., Deb Loewen of "Wild Space" and Tom Thoreson of "Foothold" will host "An Introduction to Liz Sherman's Critical Response to Dance" and work with MHSA teachers and choreographer Lisa Sherman-Colt to "take apart" the sometimes-mystical process of modern dance. For more information about either of these events, call Alverno Presents Fine Arts Director Jennifer LaPorte at (414) 382-6151.

Other workshops and ancillary activities are being planned. Two of these workshops will be led by Betty Salamun and are offered by the Alverno College Telesis Institute. For more information call (414) 382-6200. Tickets for the Festival of Dance are \$16 and \$14, with discounts for senior citizens and students. To order

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Hot JAZZ at Theater X

Theater X is proud to be producing JAZZ the second part of their "Wisconsin Series" plays. The production is a world premiere play by local playwright, John Schneider, and opens at the Broadway Theater Center, 158 N. Broadway on Friday, February 26 at 7:30 p.m. and runs Thursday through Sunday evenings through Sunday, Mar. 14.

JAZZ chronicles the movement of the genre in Milwaukee through stories based on the experiences of the musicians who lived during our city's glorious and trou-

bled history. To make the experience more authentic, the physical space of the theater will be turned into a cabaret atmosphere. Cocktails will be served at a bar throughout the performance. The audience is invited to come and dance to a live jazz combo for a half-hour before showtime. Tables will replace traditional seating in the area around the stage.

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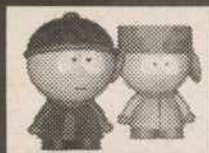
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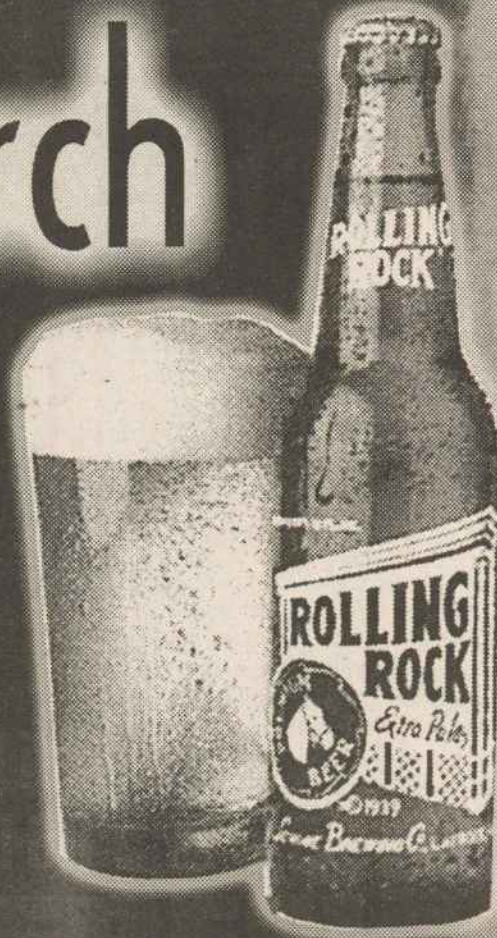


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a call from my dealer out there, and she said she went to see the movie *Fargo* with a bunch of her friends. They all said "they talk just like Fred." I thought, am I that bad?

IN Step: We don't think we are, but we are.

FS: When I'm out in New York people will sometimes say "Oh, you're from the Midwest". They recognize it right away.

IN Step: Your paintings have a real spiritual, religious feel to them. There is something mystical in them. You often paint on board, as if you are making icons of the early church. Can you tell me a little about that?

FS: I was raised a Catholic kid in a Sicilian Catholic family. I grew up around a lot of religious imagery. My first exposure to art was the typical Old Master religious art that was reproduced in calendars like those you'd find in religion class. Paintings from the early Renaissance and the Northern Renaissance. That was my first exposure to art. That and a cheesy print of a cubist Picasso still-life we had in our kitchen!

I was always involved in that whole Northern Renaissance thing. Like Van Dyke and Memling and definitely Hieronymus Bosch. What I like about these artists is that they hadn't yet figured out real naturalistic rendering. Things in these artists' paintings are still a bit askew. People's proportions are screwed-up and out-of-whack. Those more eccentric ways of rendering have always been appealing to me.

I had this set of toys that my mother bought me for Christmas one year. They were called "Little Soldier Joes", and they had enormous heads. I thought these little guys with gigantic heads were incredibly cool. I still love caricature figures with tiny bodies and big heads.

I like things that are slightly freakish. I like the art of the sideshow, carnival art, folk art. Strictly classical art doesn't appeal to me.

IN Step: You mentioned freak shows. I love your banners that I've seen hanging at Hi-Hat.

FS: Look at the size of my studio! It was really as much a practical decision as it was a love of carnival banners. It's nice to be able to roll them up and out of the way. When you spend a lot of time and money constructing a large frame, you start to think, "I've got to make a masterpiece". That isn't a good way to approach a work. It's better to go into a painting thinking you're going to have a good time. It's good to think "If I fuck it up I can throw it away".

IN Step: You were recently included in the 'Wisconsin Surrealist' show in Madison. Do you like being pegged a "Wisconsin Surrealist"?

FS: I don't have any problem with that. What is now thought to be classical Surrealism followed certain rules that don't apply anymore. Surrealism, Magic Realism, Dada — they all sort of come together and get an umbrella placed over them. My work has a certain dreamlike quality that gets it put in that group.

IN Step: Why don't you pick one of your favorite paintings and tell me about it?

FS: The favorite painting is always the one you are working on at the time. Because that's where your head is at. I listen to National Public Radio every day in the studio, so naturally I hear a lot about the impeachment trial. That's what this painting behind me is about. It's probably the most literal political painting I've done. It's about political loyalties and how partisan they've all become. The donkey and the elephant are pulling on their chains. The German words written above mean "history is judgement." The painting itself is very non-judgmental. But I think they're all a bunch of assholes.

I've always done these donkey head and elephant head characters. In San Francisco a few years ago I had a guy, who happened to be a gay doctor, trying to choose between two of my paintings. One had an

elephant head on a naked male body, and the other a donkey head on a religious robe. He told me he really liked the naked man, but hated the fact it had a Republican head! Until then it had never occurred to me that it was a "Republican head". Maybe it was subconscious. Since then, the political meanings are always somewhere in the back of my mind.

The painting also has a sack of money. And a big sausage. We all know what that means.

IN Step: I really liked that big sausage in the banner at Hi-Hat!

FS: I repeat certain images. I often use the image of an eye that is leaking. That came out of a children's Bible. It's from the story where Jesus mixes his spit with mud to heal the blind. My leaking eyes are clear like tears. I like the double edges of healing, blindness, and tears.

IN Step: Where are you showing these days?

FS: M-13 Gallery in New York. Koplin Gallery in Los Angeles. Carl Hammer in Chicago. Here in Milwaukee I'm at Dean Jensen.

IN Step: You're a family man, aren't you? You must do a lot of juggling between your art and your kids.

FS: I have a wife, Jennie, and two sons, Alexander and Nicholas. Baseball, soccer, football. I coached football for them in the fall and now Little League is just starting. It never ends, but I like it.

IN Step: Aren't you the only Wisconsin artist that was ever chosen for an Absolut Vodka ad?

FS: There was this guy, I think he was French, who did the very first Absolut Vodka ad using Andy Warhol. He was a big New York art dealer and business executive. He was the one who started using artists to sell vodka. But by the time they contacted me he was already on his way out. Ownership in Absolut has changed to some other big-assed company.

They were doing a project called "Absolut Statehood" and they were using an artist from each of the 50 states. There were five artists from Wisconsin invited to submit work. Everyone sent in their proposals for the design. But because I can paint almost as fast as I can draw, I sent a finished painting rather than a thumbnail sketch. I think that's why I got picked. They could see a finished product and didn't have to take a chance on anything else.

It was kind of fun. They flew us out to New York. They made a poster and a book. I had to sign like 400 posters. They took us to dinner.

IN Step: So it was a big deal? It was more than just doing the ad? They actually did a catalog of the artists?

FS: They did a coffee-table book. There was a full page reproduction of each piece next to a full page portrait of the artist. It's kind of a vanity thing, but it was fun. It was nice to be treated like royalty in New York. Because afterwards, it was back to this.

IN Step: Yeah, hey! Back to Milwaukee!

FS: Yeah, hey! Back to West Allis! But it was fun while it lasted.

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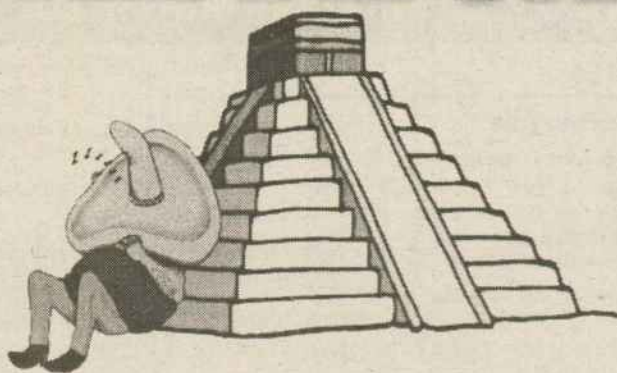


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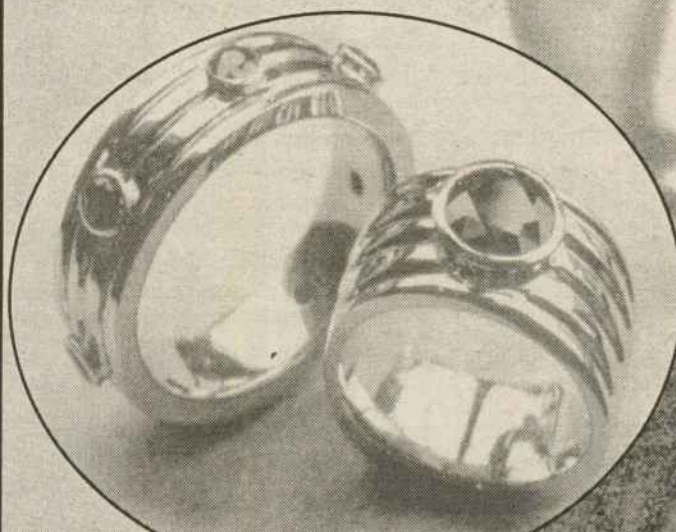
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ACTIVITIES:

Friday, February 26

Rural Dykes of America - Northern Weekend (Madison, WI): Come along for cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, bird watching or just sitting by the wood stove. There will be fun & games. Peters Marsh, Pense Lake & the Wolf River are close by for exploring. FMI, carpooling, meal plans, directions, etc., call (608) 437-5676.

SAGE/Milwaukee - Men's Discussion - (Milwaukee): The men's group will continue their discussion of the documentary, THE QUESTION OF EQUALITY in the small meeting room of the LGBT Community Center at 6:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-2656

Saturday, February 27

GAMMA - Social Volleyball (Milwaukee): Every Saturday at UW Engleman Gym, 2033 E. Hartford Ave., from 1 to 3 p.m. \$2 GAMMA members, \$3 non-members FMI call John (414) 540-1202.

Villa Terrace - Renaissance Garden Club Volunteer Work Day (Milwaukee): Show up at the Villa Terrace Decorative Arts Museum from 8:30 a.m. to noon, and help get the gardening tools ready for this year's season of working in the Italian garden at Villa Terrace or the English garden at the Charles Allis Art Museum.

Wednesday, March 3

Madison 1999 Pride Weekend - Planning Committee (Madison, WI): This is the first committee meeting for Madison's Pride Weekend. The meeting is at 5:30 p.m. at Fyle's Corner Bistro on East Washington Ave. Come and get involved.

West Coast Swing - Beginner's Dance Lessons (Madison, WI): Take this is a great opportunity to learn West Coast Swing Partner dancing. Lessons will be on Wednesday March 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Sapphire Ballroom 1133 N Sherman Ave., (NorthGate Mall), and will be taught by Cheryl and Ron. Open dancing will follow the lessons. Suggested donation is \$3. This is a smoke-free environment. FMI call (608) 245-0627.

Saturday, March 6

Dairyland Cowgirls and Cowboys - Country Dance (Madison, WI): The dance will be held at the Sapphire Ballroom, 1133 N. Sherman Ave. (NorthGate Mall). Sharon will teach line dance lessons from 8 to 9 p.m. and open dancing will continue until close. Everyone is welcome. Line-dancing, two-step, swing, and mixer dances will be featured. Country Western attire is not required. This is a smoke-free environment. Suggested donation is \$3. FMI phone (608) 245-0627.

Sunday, March 7

Saturday Softball League Meeting (Milwaukee): See the receptionist at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. about this 3 p.m. meeting. SSBL will be laying the groundwork for the 1999 Softball Season. A committee will be established to set up the 1999 Schedule of Games, take a look at the constitution, and look at fund raising initiatives. Everyone is invited to come and get involved! FMI call the SSBL Hotline at (414) 454-9204.

Wednesday, March 10

West Coast Swing - Advanced Dance Lessons (Madison, WI): Advanced dance lessons will continue from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be taught by Cheryl and Ron at the Sapphire Ballroom 1133 N Sherman Ave. (NorthGate Mall). There is a cash bar and open dancing follows the lessons. Suggested donation is \$3. This is a smoke-free environment. FMI call (608) 245-0627

BAR SPECIALS:

Sundays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Sunday afternoon bottle beer special from 3 to 7 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): Beer Busts hosted each week by various groups. Check your monthly planner. \$4.25 pitchers all night. Holding Cell opens at 6 p.m. Dominic DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pizza Night!

Club 219 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers & \$1.50 rail drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Rotating Events!

Emerald's (Milwaukee): Men's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Open 1 hour prior to game. Regular opening is at 3 p.m. \$1 off all Miller products. \$4 pitchers of beer. Free shot for every Packer Tow

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Noon to 4 p.m. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers - \$2 a mug.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Join them on Packer Sundays for brunch. Brunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Levi/Leather Dance Bar. Bartender's Specials from 8 p.m. to close

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): \$6 Beer Bust from 3 to 6 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 Bloody Marys hosted by the Gay Voice.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): \$2 Screwdrivers & Bloody Marys. FS6 Beer Bash from 6 to 10 p.m. Periodic Drag Shows!

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Beer Bust (tap beer \$6) 3 to 8 p.m. \$8 rail mixers, \$10 call mixers, \$2 dbl. Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers all night.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Shirtless Sundays. Half-price tap & rail if your shirt is off. 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys \$2. Mimosas \$2.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rail drinks \$1.80 6 p.m. to closing.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Game Show Mania every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. \$1 Bloody Marys!

Woody's (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust! Bloody Marys & Screw Drivers are \$2 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay, WI): Dry Dance Night! (16 & up in Za's). Alcohol served to over 21 in Java's.

Mondays:

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 5/Planet Q/The Barracks (Madison, WI) 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50 and under. Drinks over \$3.50 are \$1 off from 4 p.m. to close. Shots of Hot Sex \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. DJ & Dancing begin at 10 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Closed.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night-spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 from 5 to 7 p.m. Pool & Dart Leagues - sign up now.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Margarita Mondays! \$2 - 8 p.m. to midnight.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed until March 1999.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): 4 to 6 p.m. Pull tabs!

The Klostet (Beloit, WI): Happy Hour Drink Specials 4 through 7 p.m. After 7 p.m. It's Guy's Night Out! \$1.75 well drinks, \$2.25 call drinks, \$1 Special Ex, and 50¢ Pabst on tap.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Mountain of BBQ Rib Special!

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Closed.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): Pull tabs from 3 to 7 p.m. (Drinks as low as 25¢). There is a \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Melrose Mondays. Free pizza & shot specials.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour 4 to 7 p.m. \$3.50 and under drinks over \$3.50 get \$1 off.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): \$3 pitchers - 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour! 3 to 7 p.m. Pull tabs 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Domestic beer \$1.50, rail drinks \$1.80. 9 p.m. to close.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Miller products - \$1.50.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$4 pitchers of beer. Melrose Place Mondays.

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay, WI): Free Pool & Darts. \$6 Super Bust at Java's.

Tuesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks up to \$3.50 and under, plus Spin the Happy Hour Wheel to win beer bash, free drinks, fish fry & more. Customer Appreciation Day. Free taps of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only

\$1. 9 p.m. taps of Lite, domestic bottles of beer & rail drinks are \$1.25. Price goes up 25 cents every half hour until 11 p.m. From then to close taps of Lite, rails & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Leather/Levy Night. Well-drinks & draft beer \$1. Dress Code Enforced. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison) 2-4-1 Happy Hour 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on all drinks \$3.50 and under. All other drinks are \$1 off. Customer Appreciation Day. Free taps of Lite from 8 to 9 p.m., plus all rail drinks & domestic bottles are only \$1. 9 p.m. taps of Lite, domestic bottles of beer & rail drinks are \$1.25. Price goes up 25 cents every half hour until 11 p.m. From then to close taps of Lite, rails & domestic bottles are \$2. Shots of Pucker & Hot Sex are \$1 from 8 p.m. to close. Dancing & DJ at 10 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): Closed

Emeralds (Milwaukee): \$5 Beer Bust - 8 to midnight!

Fannies (Milwaukee): Closed.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Mexican Night! 4 p.m. to ? Tacos \$1 7 to 10 p.m. 2-4-1 Tequila 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. Corona \$1.75.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Levi/Leather. Open 8 p.m. Free pool. \$4 pitchers of domestic beer.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): Shake a Drink! Aces free and sixes half-price - 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): All coffee drinks - \$2.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour runs from 4 to 7 p.m. \$1 Lite taps from 9 p.m. to close Karaoke from 8:30 p.m. to close

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Progressive Night! 9 p.m. through close. \$1 rail mixers, 50¢ mugs of beer. Price goes up 25¢ every half-hour to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 7 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Closed!

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$2.90 top-shelf, \$1.80 rail drinks from 9 p.m. to close.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Bud Products \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): 2 for \$2. Domestic bottles and rail mixes all night.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Appetizers! Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): Happy Hour from 4 to 8 p.m. 2-4-1 on all drinks under \$3.50 plus the Happy Hour Wheel. From 8 p.m. to close pints of Lite \$2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Doctors \$1.50

Boot Camp Saloon: (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m. It's Leather Night! Prizes throughout the night.

Cell Block (Chicago): Open Shawn's Treasure Chest for Great Prizes! Check your planner for more. \$2 Lite/MGD longnecks.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Free pool.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on drinks \$3.50 & under. All other drinks are \$1 off. From 8 p.m. to close pints of Lite \$2. Rail drinks 50¢ off. Shots of Cuervo or Doctors \$1.50. Karaoke Night from 8 to 11 p.m. with free drink if you win and bar tab awarded to best singer of the night. DJ & dancing follow.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): It's Point Night! There are pints of Point for \$1. 2-4-1 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Lady's Night! Call drinks \$2.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Pull tabs. Drinks as low as 25¢. Dart leagues starting the 2nd week of January. Sign up now!

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Free Pool & \$6 Super Bust! MGD

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Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Hump Day! Everything's a buck. Open to close.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Double Bubble with complimentary Hors D'oeuvres 5 to 7 p.m.

Man's Country (Chicago): 7-5-7. Special: Rooms and Lockers \$7 for 5 hours.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Miller Time! \$1 taps, \$1.25 bottles of Miller brands. DJ Eddie.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): Rail drinks \$1.50. Soda & juice are 50¢ from 3 to 7 p.m. \$6 Beer Bust from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): Karaoke! \$1.50 MGD and Michelob Goldens.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Pints of Lite are \$2 from 9 p.m. to close. Free Pizza. Every other pool game is free with drink purchase.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): 2 for \$2 domestic bottles and rail mixers. 9 p.m. to closing.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails open to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Mini Pitchers \$2.50. Rail drinks \$1.50

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Tap beer Special Export 80¢ a glass. 9 p.m. to closing.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

Office (Rockford, IL): \$2.50 pitchers/50¢ drafts. Retro party with DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! South Park Wednesdays. \$5 All-U-Can-Drink Superbust (beer, wine & soda).

Woody's (Milwaukee): Dart Night Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Za's (Green Bay, WI): \$6 Super Bust. Sean spins requests.

Thursdays:

Barracks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour plus the Happy Hour wheel from 4 to 8 p.m. After 8 p.m. All whiskey drinks (rail, Jim Beam, Jack Daniels etc.) are 50¢ off. Pitchers of Lite \$4 for small & \$5 for large. Shots of Doctor \$2.

Boot Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): Big Buck Thursdays! \$1 well, wine, domestic beer.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Pain & Pleasure in the Pit. \$1.50 longnecks. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 & under. \$1 off all other drinks from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. All whiskey drinks (rail, Jim Beam, Jack Daniels etc.) are 50¢ off. Pitchers of Lite \$4 for small & \$5 for large. Shots of Doctor \$2. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Groove with Amy! Amy entertains!

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Tea Thursday! Ice Tea \$2.50.

Fannies (Milwaukee): \$1 off almost everything including top shelf.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): \$6 SUPER BUST! MGD and Miller Lite. Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra Shots - \$ 2.50

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Slammers! \$1 - 7 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Kirby's Klub (Madison, WI): Every Thursday Night is 20's Night! Party to the hottest rock all night. \$1 rail, \$1 shots, 50¢ taps. Listen to our new DJs Todd & Shawn.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): Happy Hour from 5 p.m. to close!

Man's Country (Chicago): Half-Price Night. Rooms \$10, Lockers \$7.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Tex-Mex Night! \$1.50 bottles of Corona.

Naplese Lounge (Green Bay, WI): Pull tabs! drinks as low as 25¢ 3 to 7 p.m.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1 bottle beer. 50¢ drafts.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): Grill open! 2-4-1 Happy Hour from 4 to 7 p.m. Blue Moon steins are \$2 from 9 p.m. to close.

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): Free Pool & Darts. 2-4-1 tap beer 9 p.m. to close.

South Water St. Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 8 p.m. 75¢ taps from 9 p.m. to close.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

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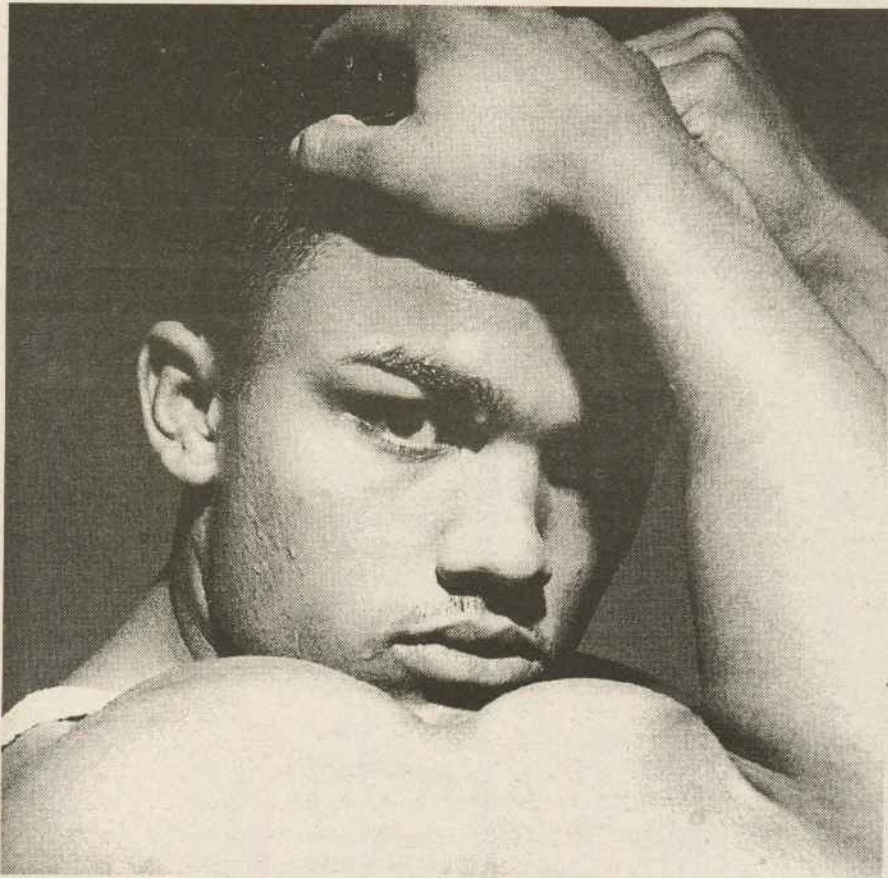
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Photograph by Hans Fährmeyer from his book, "Between Men."

Male Nudes

Here are two books containing reproductions of sculpture, paintings, drawings and photography as objects of art. In *Adam: The Male Figure in Art*, Edward Lucie-Smith, an international art historian, lecturer, broadcaster and writer, takes "sidelong glances at the attitudes of other cultures towards male nudity" as he takes us on a visual journey from the idealized beauty

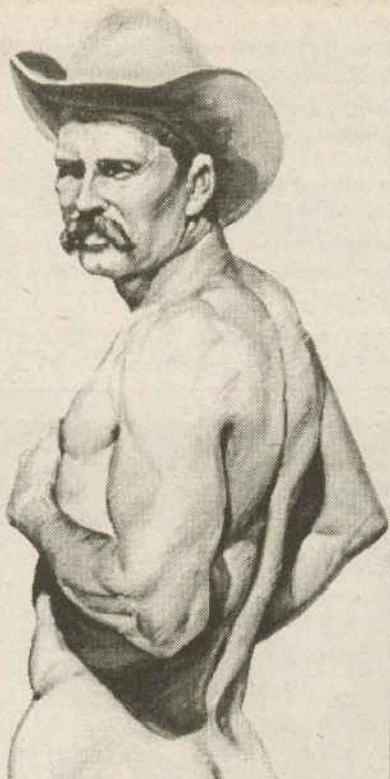
Publications, ISBN: 0-8478-22125-0).

The lush reproductions are interspersed with Lucie-Smith's witty text that tells us, among other things, how the gay men's movement has added further layers of meaning to the long trail of homosexual innuendoes in art. Here, we get a fascinating and entertaining personal tour by the author through the history of art and sexuality.

Between Men contains photographs by Hans Fährmeyer, and a forward by David Leddick. Leddick's highly acclaimed book of photography *Naked Men: Pioneering Male Nudes - 1935-1955*, was reviewed in *Q•Voice* (August, 1997). Leddick makes reference to the arts of ancient Greece and Rome, where he says "it was totally permissible for adult men to make love to anyone that appealed to them — women, younger men, male or female slaves — provided the person was not a peer."

The photographs are all in black and white, and range from erotic figure studies to abstract representations of the body (some coated in clay and paint), and other fascinating depictions of the male body. Leddick's text takes us up through the approach of the millennium, saying that "photography enthusiasts will likely place Hans Fährmeyer among the first photographers to free the male nude from the confines of myth and fantasy ... to lead perceptions of male beauty confidently into the twenty-first century." (Universe Publishing, ISBN: 0-7893-0236-5, U.S. \$29.95, Can. \$39.99, PB). These are two books that should have a prominent place on your coffee table or on your library shelves.

—Ed Grover



Pantheon Study IV (detail) by Delmas Howe.

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Station 2 (Milwaukee): Bottle and Can beers, 50¢ off. \$1 shots of cold Schnapps.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): \$1.80 rail drinks 9 p.m. to close.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special! The Office (Rockford, IL): Beer \$1 Well drinks \$1.50.

The Trading Company (Eau Claire, WI): Super Bust! 9 p.m. to close. \$8 rail, \$10 call mixers, \$12 top-shelf mixers.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks! \$6 All-You-Can-Drink Rail Bust!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m. Specialty Beer Night \$1.50 per bottle from 8 p.m. to close (Sam Adams, Corona, Becks, Rolling Rock & More).

Za's (Green Bay, WI): \$6 Super Bust. DJ Mark spins.

Fridays:

Barraacks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks. From 4 to 8 p.m. plus the Happy Hour wheel.

Boat Camp Saloon (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago): Fetish Night! Check your Monthly Planner. \$100 drawings. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Club Night. Chicago's Leather and S&M Clubs welcome. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. All other drinks are \$1 off from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. DJ & dancing at 10 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): Open at 5 p.m. Cocktails are 1/2 price from 5 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Happy Hour 2-4-1 5 to 7 p.m. Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Emeralds (Milwaukee): Friday Night Dance Party with DJ Bange. No cover before 9 p.m.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Envelope Night! WIN \$\$\$cash & prizes. DJ at 10 p.m. with the best of the 70s, 80s & 90s.

Fluid (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 8 p.m.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Bring on the Bears and Bikers! \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse, \$2.50 Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Pull tabs! 5 to 7 p.m.

M&M Club (Milwaukee): All you can eat Fish Fry and other great specials.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. 2-4-1 mixed drinks from 8 to 10 p.m. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour! Fish Fry \$6.95. DJ (p.m. to close. Men's Room Bar on 2nd floor open at 9 p.m. Movies - Pool - Darts!

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): \$1 domestic bottles 9 p.m. to close.

South Water Street Docks (Milwaukee): 2-4-1 cocktails 3 to 7 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Margarita Madness \$2. Corona \$2.

The Ballgame (Milwaukee): Cocktail hour from 2 to 9 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Best Dance Party! DJ Cris.

Triangle (Milwaukee): Happy Hour - 5 to 9 p.m. 2-4-1 drinks!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Cocktail Hour - 4 to 9 p.m.

Saturdays:

Barraacks - Levi/Leather (Madison, WI): Levi/Leather/Uniform Night! 50¢ off every drink for proper L/L/Uniform attire. 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all drinks over \$3.50, plus spin

the Happy Hour Wheel from 4 to 8 p.m.

Cell Block (Chicago, IL): Open at 2 p.m. Saturday Night Riot 'til 3 a.m. Holding Cell opens at 10 p.m. Freddie Bane DJ.

Chicago Eagle (Chicago): Drawings for Eagle Leather all night. Pit open.

Club 5/Planet Q (Madison, WI): 2-4-1 Happy Hour on all drinks \$3.50 and under. \$1 off all other drinks from 4 to 8 p.m.

Club 219 (Milwaukee): \$1 tappers & \$1.50 rail drinks 4 to 8 p.m.

Dish (Milwaukee): The new night spot for women! Join DJ Amber for dancin' & romancin'.

Fannies (Milwaukee): Hot Music to dance to. Two new DJs playing top 40, booty, house, funk, oldies etc.

Jo'Dees International (Racine, WI): Vanilla & Original Doctor's, Cherry Cheesecake, Cherry LifeSaver's and Viagra shots - \$2.50. \$1.25 Tap MGD & Miller Lite, \$1.75 Pints of Leinie's Red, \$2.50 Pints of Hacker-Pschorr Weisse.

Kathy's Nut Hut (Milwaukee): Short beers 2 for \$1.50.

Man's Country (Chicago): Male Strippers and Porn Stars. Show at Mid-night. Free Continental Breakfast Sunday Morning.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): Open 8 p.m. Levi/Leather. Bartender's Special from 8 p.m. to close. The Shaft Bar opens at 10 p.m. Dress Code enforced.

OH ZONE (Rockford, IL): \$1.50 shot specials. DJ/Dancing.

Ray's Bar & Grill (Madison, WI): \$2 Lite pints from 4 to 8 p.m. Men's Room Bar on 2nd floor 9 p.m. to close. Movies - Pool - Darts!

Scooter's (Eau Claire, WI): All chilled shots only \$1.50 - 9 to 11 p.m. DJ & dancing starting at 11 p.m.

Station 2 (Milwaukee): Dirty Cocktails Specials (ask bartender). Hot Sex \$1. Slammers \$1.

The Ball Game (Milwaukee): Bloody Marys, Screw Drivers, Grey Hounds \$2.30. Tap beer 80¢ from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Milwaukee Eagle (Milwaukee): 8 p.m. to close - Bartender's Special!

The Office (Rockford, IL): Rockford's Best Dance Party! DJ's Jerry & Jess One!

Woody's (Milwaukee): Bash with Chris from 4 to 9 p.m.

BAR EVENTS:

Sunday, February 28

Club 5 - Benefit Drag Show (Madison, WI): THE DRAG KING & QUEEN SHOW, produced by Wild Rose Productions will be held at 10 p.m. There is a \$10 cover and the show benefits WOMEN WITH BREAST CANCER. FMI call (608) 222-7612.

Thursday, March 4

LoCage - HIV Testing (Milwaukee): The BESTO Traveling HIV Clinic will be there from 10 a.m. until 1 a.m. FMI call (414) 272-2144.

BOOK READINGS, CLASSES & CLUBS:

Friday, February 26

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Shorewood, WI): British author Sebastian Faulks reads from her second novel CHARLOTTE GRAY at 8 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

Tuesday, March 2

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Mequon, WI): Chris Bohjalian will read from THE LAW OF SIMILARS, a novel about illness, healing & love, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 241-6220.

Monday, March 8

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Brookfield, WI): Marly Swick returns to share her new book, EVENING NEWS, a novel of what happens to fragile relationships and the nature of love between parents & children when the two collide. The reading is at 7 p.m. and is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 797-6140.

Tuesday, March 9

Harry W. Schwartz Bookshop - Author Appearance (Shorewood, WI): Peter Carey will read from JACK MAGGS, now in paperback, at 7 p.m. The event is free and open to all. FMI call (414) 963-3111.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Thursday, February 25

CAIR - Research Conference (Milwaukee): HIV RISK BEHAVIOR & INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR RURAL ADOLESCENTS will be held at 3 p.m. in the conference room at 2071 N. Summit Ave. FMI call (414) 456-7731.

Diversity G/L Resource Center (Rockford, IL): Located at 610 E State St. Open from 4 to 9 p.m. Teen Drop-in Hours. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

Gay AA - Open Meetings (Appleton & Green Bay, WI): There are five open meetings for the gay and lesbian community each week in Appleton and Green Bay. FMI & Locations call (920) 336-2868 or (920) 954-9169.

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Kenosha): These recovery groups meet every Thursday at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 5810 8th Ave., at 7:30 p.m. FMI call Bill or Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Lesbian AA Closed Meeting (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 1609 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989. South Madison Health & Family Ctr. (Madison, WI): Free, anonymous walk-in HIV testing from 5 to 7:45 p.m. Located at 2202 South Park St. FMI call (608) 261-9270.

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Third Thursdays - HIV Self-Help Group (Baraboo, WI): This group sponsored by persons living with HIV, Sauk Prairie Memorial Hospital & the AIDS Network meets every 3rd Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. in Baraboo. Refreshments are served & transportation assistance is available. FMI & location call (608) 643-7241 or (608) 643-7583.

Triangle Coalition - LGB Support Group (Rockford, IL): Meet to establish and explore friendships & relationships. Discuss a variety of topics every Thursday at 8 p.m. FMI call (319) 583-1834.

Women's Consciousness Raising Group (Madison, WI): Meets weekly at 5:30 p.m. at 122 State St. Suite 403. FMI call (608) 250-6775.

Unitarian Universalist Church - Lesbian Support/Discussion Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets weekly from 7 to 8 p.m. at 4848 Turner Rd. FMI call (815) 636-7298.

Friday, February 26

LGBT Youth Group - Meeting (Kenosha): This group meets the first & third Fridays of the month from 7 to 10 p.m. at the ARCW Offices, 1212 57th St. FMI call 800-924-6601.

High Tea & Talk - Senior Men's Group (Madison, WI): High Tea & Talk is an organization-free (no long associated with SAGE/Dane) opportunity for senior men, and their friends of all ages, who enjoy the company of other men on Friday afternoons. The group meets at Monty's Blue Plate Diner, 2089 Atwood Ave., from 3:30 to 5 p.m. and is wheel chair accessible.

Latino Arts Presents - Friday Night Perlas (Milwaukee): These gatherings take place in the Café El Sol at the United Community Center, 1028 S. 9th St. from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and include presentations of dance, music and an accompanying fish fry for \$7.95. Tonight: GITANO FLAMENCO: PIRAMIDE. FMI call (414) 384-3100.

MGLO & MGLPO - Red Light Night (Marshfield, WI): Come every Friday night from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to Marshfield's #1 spot at 130 S. Central Ave., above the Thimbleberry Bookstore. Come and meet local LGBT people, enjoy Videos and Dancing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Carry-in Alcohol accepted. FMI call Jim (715) 384-6731 or Vic (715) 387-2068.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Weekly HIV/AIDS Social Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. This is an opportunity for all men with HIV/AIDS to socialize and find support. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

Madison Transgender Group - Support Group (Madison, WI): A support and advocacy group for Transsexuals (M-TF and F-TM), Cross Dressers and their Friends, Families and Significant Others. Meeting at 7:30

p.m. at OutReach, 14 West Mifflin Street. FMI (608) 255-4927.

Saturday, February 27

AIDS Network - HIV/AIDS Support Group (Madison, WI): This group meets from 10 a.m. to noon at UW Hospital, 600 Highland Ave. in K6/Rm. 280, 2nd floor. FMI call (608) 252-6540 or 1-800-486-6276.

GLB AA - Open Meeting (Madison, WI): This meeting takes place every Saturday at 6 p.m. at OutReach, 14 W. Mifflin, Suite 103. FMI call (608) 255-8582.

Integrity/Dignity - Religious (Madison, WI): Liturgy is held at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at St. Francis House, 1001 University Ave.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Social Night (Duluth, MN): Meets every Saturday. Activities include games, videos and other social events from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple opera Block, Suite 309. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

Sunday, February 28

Angels of Hope MCC - Religious Services (Allouez & Appleton, WI): Services are held every Sunday at 11 a.m. at 3607 Libal St., Allouez, & at 5 p.m. at 815 N. Richmond St., Appleton. FMI call (920) 991-0128.

James Reeb Unitarian Universalist Church - Worship Service (Madison, WI): Services are from 10 to 11 a.m. at 2146 E. Johnson St. FMI call (608) 242-8887.

Perfect Harmony Chorus - Rehearsal (Madison, WI): Meet and sing every Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church on Capital Square from 7 to 9 p.m. Enter from the West Washington side of the court yard. FMI (608) 232-0528.

Rainbow Friends - Quaker Worship Group (Madison, WI): This group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. Diversity is encouraged, feelings are honored, and boundaries are respected. FMI & location, call (608) 250-7989.

Seeking Sobriety - Non-Religious Recovery Group (Milwaukee): This recovery group meets at 6 p.m. every Sunday at BESTO Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. (use side door). FMI call Danny at (414) 540-0961 or Richard at (414) 442-1132.

University Congregational Church - Worship Service (Madison, WI): Weekly services are at 10 a.m. at 1127 University Ave. FMI (608) 256-2353.

Monday, March 1

BGLASS - Weekly Meeting (Appleton, WI): The Bisexual, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Society meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Room 109 of Coleman Hall at Lawrence University Memorial Union, 615 E. College Ave. FMI call Irene (920) 722-7572, Bernie (920) 982-0220, or Harriet (920) 749-1629.

Gay AA/Gay Al-anon - 12-Step Meetings (Racine): These recovery groups meet every Monday at 625 College Ave. at 8 p.m. FMI call Art at (414) 694-0115.

Gay/Bi Men's AA - Closed Meeting (Madison, WI): The group meets at 8 p.m. at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. FMI call (608) 222-8989.

WISH - Generic AA 12-Step Meeting (Madison, WI): The group meets weekly at 6 p.m. at the Atwood Community Ctr., 2425 Atwood Ave. FMI call (608) 249-5096.

Tuesday, March 2

Boyz Nite - ARCW (Milwaukee): The group meets every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Assemble Safer Sex kits and other prevention materials. It's a place to hang out with other gay men and just dish. Movie night is on the first Tuesday of each month. All ages welcome. FMI call Chris (414) 225-1556.

HIV/AIDS Support Group - Fox Cities (Menasha, WI): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The meetings take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Assn. of Fox Valley, Midway Rd., 1488 Kenwood Drive. FMI call (920) 739-4226 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

LGB Campus Center - Boy-Oh-Boy Men's Social Group (Madison, WI): This social group for ages 18 to 25 meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 406 W. Gilman St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

Madison Community Health Ctr. - HIV Testing (Madison, WI): Free, anonymous, walk-in HIV testing from 3 to 5:45 p.m. at 1133



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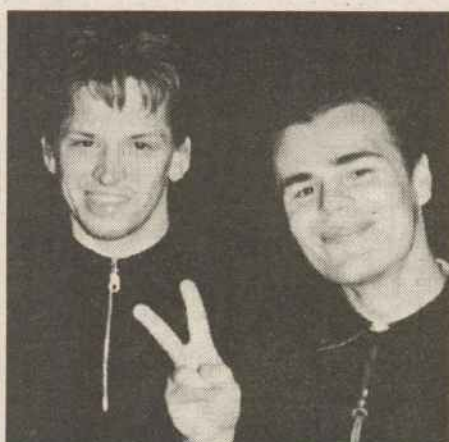
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Williamson St. FMI call (608) 255-0704.

Northland Gay Men's Center - Open Discussion Group (Duluth, MN): The group meets weekly from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Center, 8 N. 2nd Ave. East, Temple Opera Block, Suite 309. Topics include coming out issues, support & resources. No age limits. FMI call (218) 722-8585.

UHS Counseling & Consultation Services - Sex Out Loud (Madison, WI): This discussion group for Gay/Bi students meets in the Memorial Union at 12 p.m. every Tuesday. FMI call (608) 265-4901.

Womansong - Rehearsal (Madison) This singing group meets at Beth Israel Ctr. at 7 p.m. FMI call (608) 222-2987.

Wednesday, March 3

Diversity G/L Resource Ctr - Coming Out Support Group (Rockford, IL): The group meets every Wednesday at 610 E. State St. from 7 to 8 p.m. FMI call (815) 964-2639.

Gay/Bi Men's Alanon Group (Madison, WI): Meets at the University United Methodist Church, 1127 University Ave. every Wednesday at 6 p.m. FMI call (608) 256-4107 or (608) 846-2860.

HIV/AIDS Support Group - (Green Bay, WI): Free, confidential and open to any person living with or affected by HIV/AIDS on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. The meetings take place at Renaissance Healing Arts Ctr., 311 S. Jefferson from 7:30 to 9 p.m. FMI call (920) 437-4325 or Sylvia at 1-800-675-9400.

Madison Vet Center - GLB Veterans Meeting (Madison, WI): The group meets every Wednesday at 147 S. Butler at 5 p.m. FMI call (608) 262-7084 or (608) 264-5342.

Queer Chicks - Social Group (Madison, WI): This group meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 219 N. Hamilton St. FMI call (608) 265-3344.

Saturday, March 6

Positive Voice - 6th Annual Day of Discovery (Kaukauna, WI): The event will be held at Liberty Hall, 800 Eisenhower Dr., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration on the day of the event is from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Tickets are \$38. FMI call (920) 435-4404.

Bi Definition - Social Discussion Group (Milwaukee): The group meets at 7 p.m. at the LGBT Community Center, 170 S. 2nd St. Topic: BECAUSE Info.

Sunday, March 7

Bi Youth Milwaukee - Social Discussion Group (Milwaukee): The group meets at the BestD Clinic, 1240 E. Brady St. FMI call Frank (414) 329-2684 or Crystal (414) 283-9638

GLBT Catholics - Monthly Discussion Group (Milwaukee): REBUILDING FAITH, will meet at Holy Trinity/Guadalupe School, 613 S. 4th St., from 10:30 a.m. until Noon. This month the topic is LENT: FACING OUR SHADOWS, EMBRACING THE LIGHT. There will be a video presentation and a prayer service. FMI call Fred at (414) 481-8543.

FILM, TV, VIDEO & RADIO:

Friday, February 26

UW-Madison Elvehjem Museum-Free Movie (Madison, WI): The Oscar nominated movie GODS & MONSTERS, staring???? Will be screened at the Museum at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 27

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Video Symposium (Madison, WI): At 7:30 p.m. OUT OF THE PAST, produced by GISEN will be aired. It deals with four gay/lesbian personalities/heroes, including Bayard Rustin. FMI contact Frontiers.

Madison Gay Video Club - Videos (Madison, WI): JOHNS and HOT SPOT will be screened at 8 p.m. FMI call (608) 244-8675 (evenings).

Sunday, February 28

UW-Madison - Free Film (Madison, WI): The Oscar nominated movie GODS & MONSTERS will be screened at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Student Union.

WORT Radio 89.9 FM - Lesbian Radio (Madison, WI): A weekly show titled HER TURN: Women's news and information by and about women, airs from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Followed by HER INFINITE VARIETY: Women in Music from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. All genres and styles. Interviews, live guests and announcements for the Womyn's community. FMI call (608) 256-2001.

Monday, March 1

MIAD - Free Film (Milwaukee): As part of The Future in Film series, SLEEPER will be screened at 7 p.m. in the Todd Wehr Auditorium. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Tuesday, March 2

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 4 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents Brian Bouldrey, THE NOT YET FORMED IMAGE, a presentation @ the Unitarian-Universalist Society in Madison from a grant entitled Sexuality in the Liberal Church Tradition. There are re-runs the following day at 10 a.m., at 9 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. (midnight) to 2:30 a.m. The re-runs include a Dec. '98 episode of In The Life.

WORT, 89.9 FM - G/L Radio (Madison): This is a weekly lineup: QUERY, from 7 to 7:30 p.m. and THIS WAY OUT from 7:30 to 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3

Channel 10, WMVS - In The Life (Milwaukee): This popular LGBT video newsmagazine will air at 11 p.m. FMI call (414) 271-1036.

Thursday, March 4

WHA-TV Channel 21, Cable 11 - Gay History (Madison, WI): The station will air OUT OF THE PAST at 11 p.m.

Saturday, March 6

Milwaukee Public Museum - IMAX Theater (Milwaukee): ALASKA: SPIRIT OF THE WILD begins & continues through 10/1/99. Also showing: AFRICA'S ELEPHANT KINGDOM runs through 6/30/99. FMI show, times & availability, call (414) 319-IMAX (4629).

Sunday, March 7

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - Worship (Madison, WI): Cathedral of Hope, (Dallas, TX) part of the Federated MCC, will regularly air a 30 minute worship service at 8 p.m.

Monday, March 8

Frontiers Gay/Bi Men's Club - Film Circle (Madison, WI): The club will screen BILLY'S HOLLYWOOD SCREEN KISS at 7:30 p.m. FMI & Loca-

tion call David at (608) 244-3351.

Tuesday, March 9

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 4 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents the Dec. program of IN THE LIFE at 4 p.m., with a re-run the following day at 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 10

Cable Channel 4, Public Access TV, WYOU - LGBT Programming (Madison, WI): At 9 p.m. NOTHING TO HIDE presents OUT AT WORK, plus the late Prof. George Mosse, THE IMPORTANCE OF GAY HISTORY, plus IN OUR OWN WORDS. Re-run at 12:30 p.m. (midnight) to 2:30 a.m.

MUSEUMS & GALLERIES

Thursday, February 25

Milwaukee Art Museum - Caravaggio Lecture (Milwaukee): Roger Ward will present a lecture on Italian painter Caravaggio, titled THE BEST PAINTER IN ROME, in conjunction with the exhibition of Sinners And Saints, Darkness And Light the Vogel/Helfaer Galleries on the lake level at 5:30 p.m. There will be a reception at 6:15 p.m. Admission is \$5 general, \$3 students and seniors over age 65. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Tuesday, March 2

Milwaukee Art Museum - Gallery Talk (Milwaukee): Informal gallery talk on Sinners & Saints, and exhibition of 17th century old master paintings, will be led by Louie Winters at 1:30 p.m. Cost is included with Museum admission. FMI call (414) 224-3200

Milwaukee Art Museum - Music in the Museum (Milwaukee): Jeffrey Hollander presents the sparkling music of France, accompanied by his informative and entertaining narrative at 5:30 p.m. The theme is FRENCH CHAMPAGNE. The concert will be followed by a tour of Sinners & Saints. There is a \$15 admission fee; \$12 to MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

MIAD - All Student Exhibit (Milwaukee): A juried exhibit by students features drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints, illustration & more in the Frederick Layton Gallery, 273 E. Erie St. Tonight there is an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. FMI call (414) 276-7889.

Wednesday, March 3

Milwaukee Art Museum - Landscaping Lecture (Milwaukee): PETER KUDLATA of Flagstone Landscaping will present the first of four gardening lectures with an emphasis on the season's plantings and flowers. The lecture, which is held at Noon in the Vogel/Helfaer Galleries on the lake level, includes a Box Lunch. The price is \$15, \$10 for MAM members. RSVP to Sarah Gartner (414) 224-3843.

Friday, March 5

Milwaukee Art Museum - First Fridays Music (Milwaukee): Featuring CELTIC MUSIC by Australian rocker BUR and 3 band members in honor of St. Paddy's Day. County Clare, will provide traditional Irish fare. There will be selections of ales & stouts at the cash bar. A tour of Sinners & Saints will be offered. There is a \$7 admission; \$5 for MAM members. FMI call (414) 224-3200.

Walker's Point Center for the Arts - Opening Exhibit (Milwaukee): Recent works by JILL ENGEL, HETHER HOFFMAN & VALARIA TATERA will be on exhibit through 4/10/99. There is a reception tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. FMI call (414) 672-ARTS (2787).

Tuesday, March 9

Milwaukee Public Museum - Luncheon Lecture Series (Milwaukee): David Overstreet of the Great Lakes Archaeological Research Center present a lecture called LIVING ON THE EDGE, in the Erwin C. Uihlein Gallery at 11 a.m. He will talk about the people who now live in the land called Wisconsin as related to the Museum's upcoming exhibit ELEPHANTS! 40 MILLION YEARS OF EVOLUTION. Reservations are required. FMI call (414) 278-6170.

Wednesday, March 10

Milwaukee Art Museum - Floral Arranging Lecture (Milwaukee): VICTORIA VONIER of Private Gardner will present the second of four gardening lectures with an emphasis on hands-on demonstrations of flower arranging. The lecture, which is held at noon in the Vogel/Helfaer Galleries on the lake level, includes a Box Lunch. Every table will include a unique centerpiece created by Vonier. The price is \$15, \$10 for MAM members. RSVP to Sarah Gartner (414) 224-3843.

THEATER ARTS:

Thursday, February 25

Chamber Theater - Current Production (Milwaukee): Tennessee William's NIGHT OF THE IGUANA plays through 3/7/99 in the Cabot Theater of the Broadway Theater Center. FMI & Tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Milwaukee Rep - Current Production (Milwaukee): The Commedia Dell'Arte classic SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS is currently playing at the Quadracci Powerhouse Theater, 108 E. Wells St. through 3/28. FMI & tickets call (414) 224-9490.

UWM School of Fine Arts - Current Production (Milwaukee): THE GREEKS, a festival of 10 Greek plays, produced in two parts. Part One directed by James DePaul, with choreography by Janet Lilly. Part two directed by PTIP movement instructor Bill Walters and choreographed by Ed Burgess. The productions run through 3/13/99. FMI & tickets call (414) 229-4308.

Friday, February 26

Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra - Concert (Milwaukee): Andreas Delfs conducts the orchestra in the music of BARBER, CORIGLIANO & RACHMANINOFF, with guest violinist NADJA SALERNO-SONNENBERG at 7:30 p.m. in Uihlein Hall. Also on 3/27 at 8 p.m. & 2/28 at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 291-7605.

Theater X - World Premiere (Milwaukee): John Schneider's JAZZ opens at the Broadway Theater Center at 7:30 p.m. and will run through 3/14/99. The production chronicles the movement of JAZZ in Milwaukee through stories based on musicians who lived through our city's glorious & troubled history. FMI & tickets call (414) 291-7800.

Saturday, February 27

Milwaukee Ballet - Dance (Milwaukee): STORIES FROM AFAR will be performed at MATC's Cooley Auditorium, 1015 N. 6th St. tonight at 8 p.m. and on 2/28 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors. FMI and tickets call (414) 964-6700.

Sunday, February 28

Boulevard Ensemble - Opening Night Alley Series (Milwaukee): IRISH ALLEYS will consist of neglected John O'Hara's works, and run through 3/15/99 at the Boulevard Theater, 252 S. KK Ave. on Sundays and Mondays only at 7:30 p.m. FMI and tickets (\$10) call (414) 744-5757.

Thursday, March 4

Next Act Theater - Opening Night (Milwaukee): Ronald Harwood's THE DRESSER, an English play about an aging actor-manager and his faithful dresser who pulls out all the stops to get his boss through the performance. The production opens in Marquette University's Helfaer Theater, 525 N. 13th St. at 8 p.m. and runs through 3/21/99. FMI call (414) 278-7780.

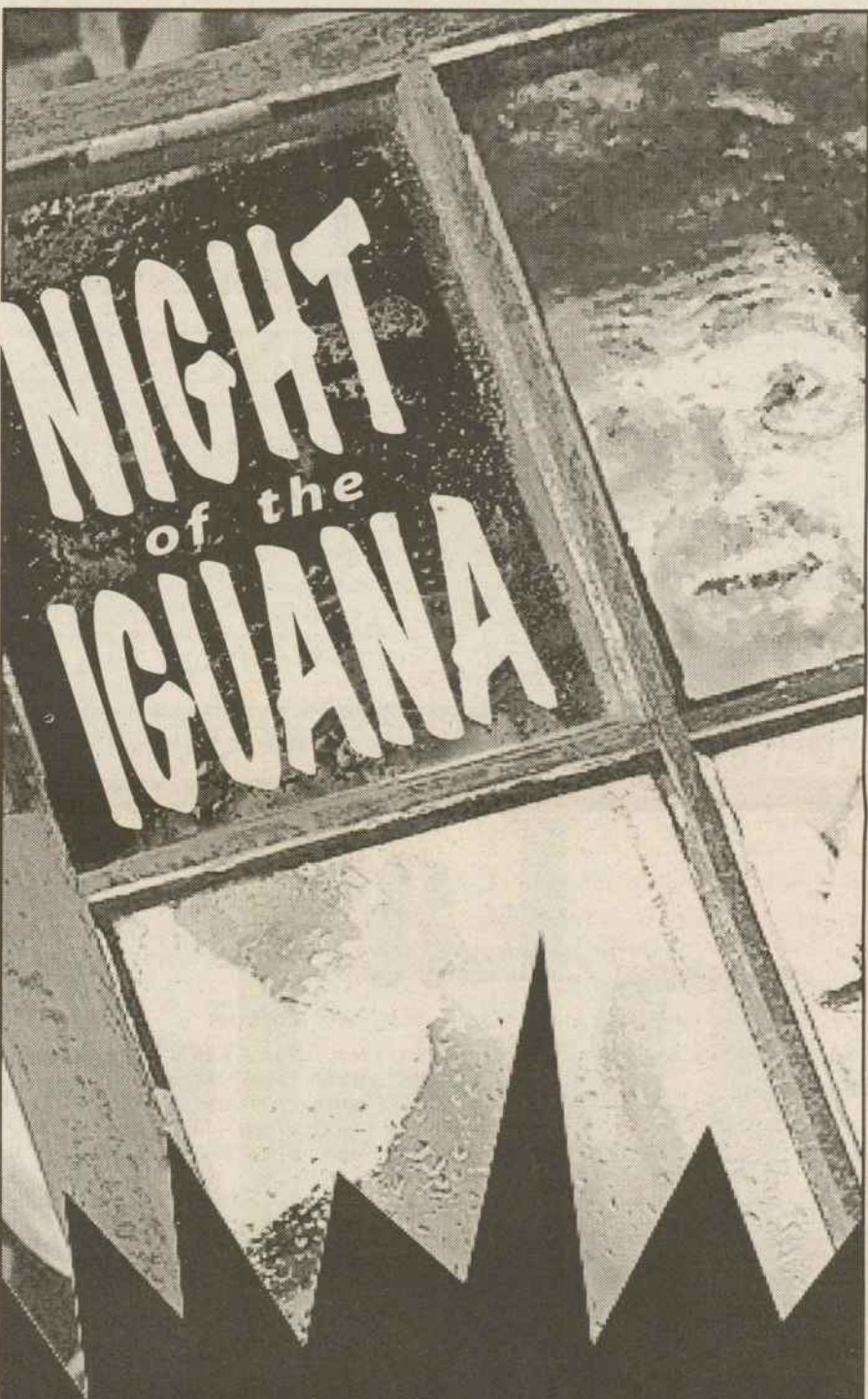
Friday, March 5

Milwaukee Pops - Music & Dance (Milwaukee): Join Doc Severenssen and the IRISH TRINITY DANCERS at 8 p.m. at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Also on 3/6 at 8 p.m. and 3/7 at 7:30 p.m. FMI call (414) 291-7605.

Saturday, March 6

Pabst Theater - Hal Leonard Jazz Series (Milwaukee): TOMMY FLANAGAN TRIO & CYRUS CHESTNUT TRIO will perform at 8 p.m. FMI call the box office at (414) 286-3663.

Present Music - Concert (Milwaukee): DIVA MADNESS will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Center for Arts and Performance of Wisconsin Lutheran College, 8815 W. Wisconsin Ave. FMI call (414) 271-7998.



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Hawaii's Queer Legacy

by Matthew Link

Hawaii is one of those places that is almost part of our collective unconscious. Most of us grew up hearing the allure of the word, with echoes of hula girls, palm trees, and gentle waves on a black sand beach in its soft sound. It's a place that always lingers in the back of our minds, like a sanctuary patiently waiting to be called upon.

As with other fantasy locations of the earth, the reality of modern-day Hawaii is

a different place than the one of our dreams. Yet, despite the burgeoning metropolis of Honolulu, decades of mass-commercialism, and the sheer number of tourists to the island chain, Hawaii is still Hawaii. She continues to bestow her incredible beauty and awesome energy. Nothing has changed the gentle majesty of Haleakala crater on Maui, or the sheer jagged cliffs of the Na Pali Coastline on Kauai, or the spewing lava craters on the Big Island. The multi-ethnic population still smiles and waves at one another, the sea is still clear and fresh, and the land is still primordial and fascinating. It is a place where any gay or lesbian would feel like they at last found home.

Yes, despite the recent brouhaha over

the defeat of same-sex marriage here, Hawaii is still one of the most gay-friendly destinations you'll find in the U.S. Hawaii voters, who tend to shy away from controversy and boat-rocking, may have voted against "gay marriage", but the Governor himself has dedicated to pass one of the strongest Domestic Partnership laws in the country in its place. (Hawaii already has a good "Reciprocal Beneficiary" license that is open to out of state residents.) Discrimination against gays at the workplace or acts of violence against gays is almost unheard of on the islands. Same-sex couples who visit the islands always comment on how they were treated with much respect and aloha. Although Hawaii may not be the first state to pass same-sex marriage, it continues to be a gay-popular destination thanks to its laid-back culture and the fact that gay marriage advanced to a major political issue here.

This isn't surprising when you consider the Hawaiians' history of dealing with same-sex issues. During the year I spent doing research for my guidebook *Rainbow Handbook Hawai'i*, I was amazed to find just how gay-friendly Polynesia could be. While interviewing many scholars, hula experts, and kupuna (respected elders), I was given a picture of gay Hawaii history that looked incredible to modern eyes.

Same-sex relations were not just tolerated in old Hawaii, they were actually sanctioned. Aikane is a word that nowadays means good friends, but in old Hawaii it meant a close, brotherly, sexual love between members of the same sex. Aikane relationships were well documented among the Ali'i, or Hawaiian royalty. When the first Europeans aboard Captain Cook's vessel hit the islands in the late 1700s, they made many aghast reports of

these homosexual relationships: "a shocking inversion of the laws of nature, they bestow all those affections upon them that were intended for the other sex" as one sailor put it. Aikane relations were seen as honorable among the royalty, and were even boasted about to the Europeans.

Hawaii also has a legacy of transvestism. Mahu is a word that can now be used to mean gay, but in old Hawaii is a specific role that a man could take on, where he could wear female clothes and be treated as a woman (and sometimes vice-versa for a female). Thus, Polynesia was light years ahead dealing with inclusion of individuals and their differences into society. Many mahu and gay men are still heavily involved in the hula renaissance on the islands, and are highly respected for their creativity.

Being the unique and special culture that it is, Hawaii merits much exploration beyond the resorts and beaches. The outer islands away from the city reveal the true Hawaii. Honolulu has a fun and friendly gay scene, but visitors who are expecting an anonymous homo-mecca when they come to Hawaii will be disappointed. Hawaii is really made for the adventurous who like the outdoors, and those who appreciate the beautiful isolation of the islands. Of course, Hawaii couldn't be more perfect for the queer honeymooning couple as well! Many local businesses are set up to specifically execute your fabulous same-sex union, be it on a beach, on horses, or in a helicopter.

I discovered more interesting things for homos to do on each island than I thought possible. On Kauai, there's a gay man who conducts nude mud tours through the Alakai Swamp! Also on Kauai, the local gay group gets together every week for a social beach bonfire, where tons of gays show up to hang out and "talk story" (neatly filling the absence of a real gay bar on the island).

On Maui, I found a red sand beach where you can nude sunbathe, and a lesbian-owned surf school that swears you can catch a wave on the first lesson. Maui also offers over a dozen local gay B&Bs and vacation rentals, as does the Big Island. Oahu, Maui and the Big Island also sport gay hiking groups. Most people don't realize Hawaii has everything from queer kayak trips, motorcycle tours, dive companies, to gay-run wellness retreats. So although the bar and club scene may be smaller than other places, Hawaii makes up for it with enthusiasm for camaraderie and grass-roots fun.

The deep respect that Hawaii residents have for each other extends to every visitor that encounters the islands, whatever sexuality they may be. What else could you expect from a culture that reveres its sexuality enough to create the highly sensual hula? In fact, many hula chants were performed in honor of a king's genitals (King Kalakaua's had the impressive name of halala - to bend low). This sense of a sensual life of the islands lives on, and continues to attract gays and lesbians to this wondrous island chain as it enters the next millennium.

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The Disco Box (Rhino)

Even though the new four-CD set *The Disco Box* contains all the hoary classics ("I Will Survive," "Get Down Tonight," "Y. M. C. A.") you can hear at any retro/disco night, the box is somehow really not for beginners. One way you can tell is that the brilliant accompanying

and an oral history of DJs monitored by Walters. For the dabbler, this surfeit of wisdom will likely be met with an exasperated "enough is enough." But for a disco dork like me, the mantra goes "more, more, more!"

That oral history especially is a real treat for those students who have passed advanced courses like *From Don Ray to DOR: The Lene Lovich-Disco Connection*. What an absolutely fascinating collection of

80s descent underground to the early gasps of house. Steps need to be taken that to insure that dance music isn't greeted with the kind of automatic nostalgia one finds on the oldies circuit. And while I appreciate that Freedberg mentioned Tantra's hideously obscure 1980 Eurodis-

co masterpiece *The Double Album* in his essential album list, Rhino (or someone) needs to reissue the fucker.

—Kevin John

More work needs to be done linking disco's early 80s descent underground to the early gasps of house...


booklet was written by veritable dance music experts (one-time *Billboard* dance music chief and stunning crusader Brian Chin, dance music theorist and *Boston Phoenix* colleague of mine Michael Freedberg and *Spin/Advocate* critic Barry Waters) rather than an (admittedly erudite) bystander (like *Radio and Records* editor Ken Barnes who annotated Rhino's seven-volume *Disco Years* series). This changing of the guards insures that their essays will radiate out from the songs everyone knows to death (or should) into a highly detailed, more sophisticated account of disco as a vibrant subculture unto itself.

In fact, so totally does *The Disco Box* go against the typical box set fashion of track-by-track commentary that the four CDs almost seem like an afterthought. Instead, we get a list of 50 Essential Disco Albums (a typically crazed conceit from Freedberg), a list of 45 Predisco Floor-Shaking 45s from Chin, sidebars, including a snippet of Vince Aletti's notorious 1973 disco warning in *Rolling Stone*, a reflection on pioneering remixer Tom Moulton and several early 70s playlists, two essays by Chin, including one on the heretofore ignored subject of disco musicians

stories: Danae Jacovidis holding down the receiver button halfway to hear both records at once; Jimmy Webb crying in A. J. Miller's booth upon hearing Donna Summer's rendition of his "MacArthur Park;" Kevin Burke insisting he was the first person in the world to play Donna Summer's rendition of his "MacArthur Park" because he played in the afternoon; etc. And what an amazing array of great musical ideas as well: Paul Casella mixing The Doobie Brothers' "Long Train Runnin'" into J. Geils Band's "Give It To Me;" Bob Viteritti bringing Tommy Roe's "Dizzy" into "More, More, More;" Jimmy Stuard throwing chants (and chance) over "Don't Leave Me This Way."

So here it is. At the end of a decade that saw countless disco anthologies materialize, heard hundreds of disco samples in hip-hop and house, and felt that it was cool again to like disco, the music biz has conferred classic status upon disco through their ultimate form of homage (the box set) from the ultimate homage label (Rhino, of course). Christ Almighty, disco is now officially saved. Thank you.

But now it's time to move on. More work needs to be done linking disco's early



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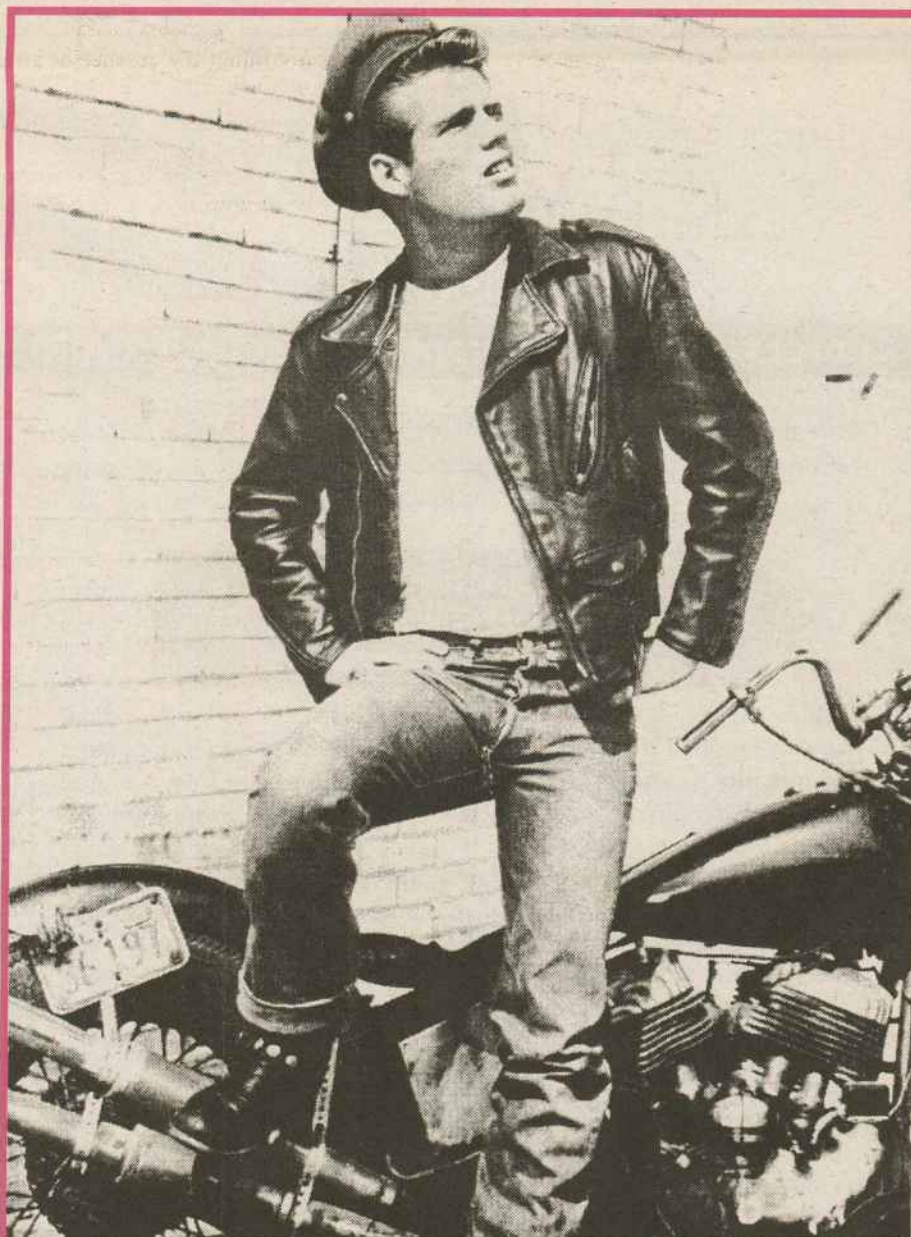
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Whatever



by Jamie

The dynamics of relationships haven't changed for eons. A good relationship requires, at times, lots of work.

And a relationship between two people of the same sex can be even more difficult to hold together. (Before you jump to conclusions, Josh and me are doing just fine. He is still the love of my life and I will do whatever it takes to keep it that way.) It seems that there are not many people who take being a couple seriously. Too many people breaking up over stupid shit. Yes, there are some people who shouldn't be together. However, more often than not, I hear stories of people bailing at the first sign of trouble. That's not a good plan unless you like being single.

Last week, I was talking to my friend Kevin. We got on the subject of relationships, and how many gay people have a hard time keeping a relationship together. People too easily use "whatever" when things get tough and walk away. We were talking about the whole "whatever" attitude and where it came from. One of the thoughts was growing up Gay. Having to brush off nasty comments from brain dead people have taught us how to be good at the "whatever attitude". It seemed to be the best way to keep things from piling up.

Growing up gay has also taught us how to keep people at a safe distance, always keeping people from getting too close for fear of the secret being discovered. I'm curious how many of us can say we had childhood friends that we completely let into our space. I'm also guessing that many of us are good at building walls and not so good at tearing those same walls down.

A couple of Sundays ago, I was at M&M talking to an older couple from Illinois. They have been together for 15 years. Wanting in on the secrets of keeping a good relationship together, they told me what I already knew. You've got to be able to communicate and when you feel a wall building, take care of it right away. It boils down to being willing to put in the effort it takes to make it work. There are going to be rough times in any relationship. If we dwell on the bad, it mires the good. I'm looking forward to people asking Josh and me how we stayed together for 15-plus years. I'm sure we'll have war stories but hey, I'm willing to do the work.

Moving on ... About that nasty overdose rumor ... I heard a great analogy about untruths a few weeks back. A guy in Small Town USA (we'll call him Joe) repeated what he thought was the truth about Jim. The story got bigger and bigger until Jim was at his wit's end. The rumors that were spread were not true. Jim eventually found out who started the rumor. Jim went to Joe and told him the truth about the situation. Joe felt so bad about what happened he asked Jim what could he do to be forgiven. Jim said "take a feather pillow to the top of the hill on a windy day, tear it open and let the wind take all the feathers." Joe took a pillow and did what Jim said. Joe went back to Jim and said, "I took the pillow and let the feather off into the wind, am I forgiven?" Jim said you must do one more thing and I will forgive you. Joe said, "I'll do anything." Jim said, "now I want to go back and collect every feather that came from the pillow. Joe immediately knew how destructive and how it is impossible to take a rumor back. Gotta be careful folks!

There have been a couple of pageants to tell you about. The **Miss Gay Great Lakes Pageant** was held at **Za's**. As of deadline, I was unable to confirm who



Love bunnies. Photo by Jamie @ Woody's

won so ... Here in Milwaukee, at the downtown Hilton, was the **Mr. & Miss Gay Wisconsin Pageant**. After a few years of being a contestant, **Dance** has been crowned Mr. Gay Wisconsin. Holding the title for Miss Gay Wisconsin is **Simone**. Congratulations to both of you, I know you put a lot of work into your performances. My thanks to **Chris Hammerbeck** for covering the event for me.

Club 219 brought in some new strippers that I must tell you, are very hot. Let **Chuck** know how much you like the new strippers and I'm sure he'll make sure to bring them back. I stopped in at **Woody's** to give **Steve** a hard time and sure enough, he was there. They have one of the best jukeboxes in town, not to mention 2 pool tables.

Did you catch **Rona** behind the bar at **M&M** last Sunday? He was filling in, but it looked as if he was enjoying himself so much he might take every Sunday. OK, he didn't want to take Sunday Brunch, OK, he didn't want to work Sundays. Hell I don't know what I'm talking about, better ask **Rona**.

James seems to be pulling in a good Friday night crowd at **Triangle**. Or is it good crowds at his house after closing. Hmmm something about Hammerbeck in drag??? **Rick** at the **Ballgame** promised he would cater my wedding with **Josh**. You know if you've been there during a game, he is a great chef. If it's martinis you like, better get over to **Fluid**. **Jim**, **Bill** and the rest of the staff have gone to a weeklong school on how to make the



Can he come out and play? Photo by Jamie @ 219

best martinis. OK it wasn't a week; it was a 2-day course. OK, again I have no clue what I'm talking about but they do make great martinis. The **Milwaukee Eagle** was servin' up hot guys in leather last week. I always get the urge to learn how to lasso something when I'm there.

Hopefully there will be more to talk about in the club scene soon. Thanks again to **Chris Hammerbeck** (AKA Crystal Chandelier) for being back-up photographer when I am unable to cover an event. Until next issue, if you want to e-mail me, my address is keepinstep@aol.com. Be sure to put Jamie in the subject box and as always, slower traffic keep right.

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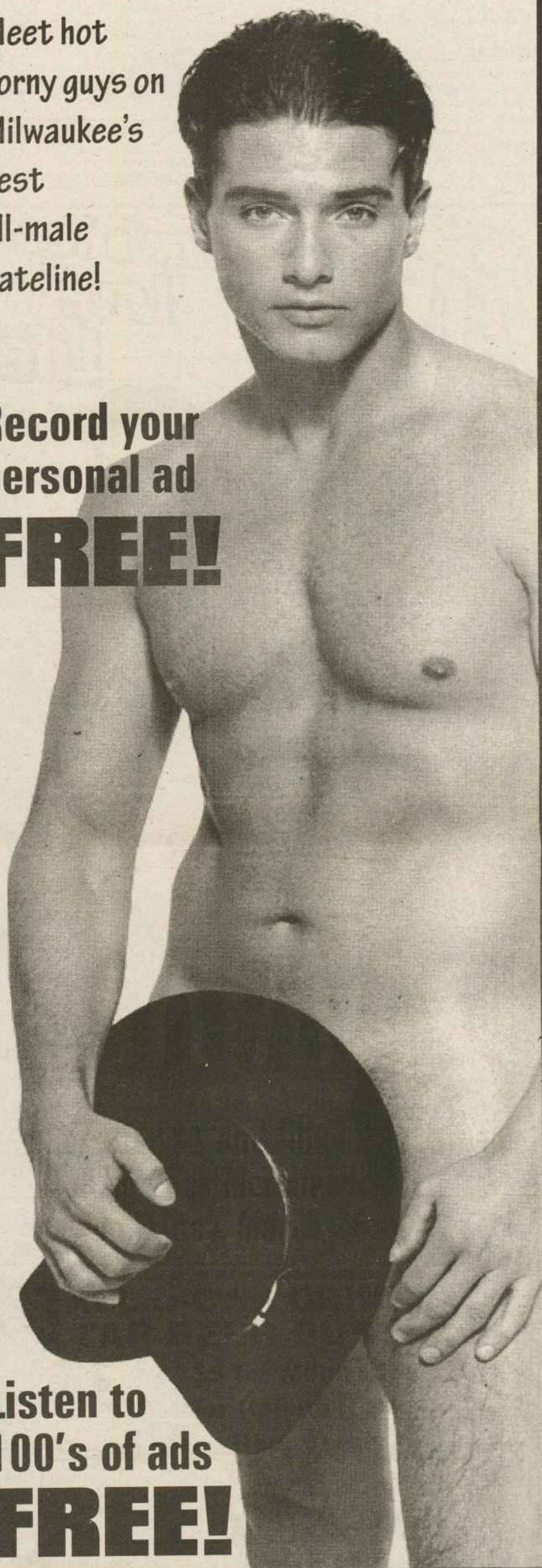
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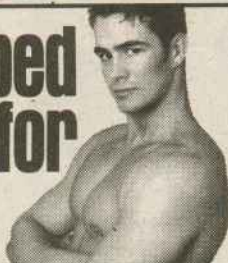
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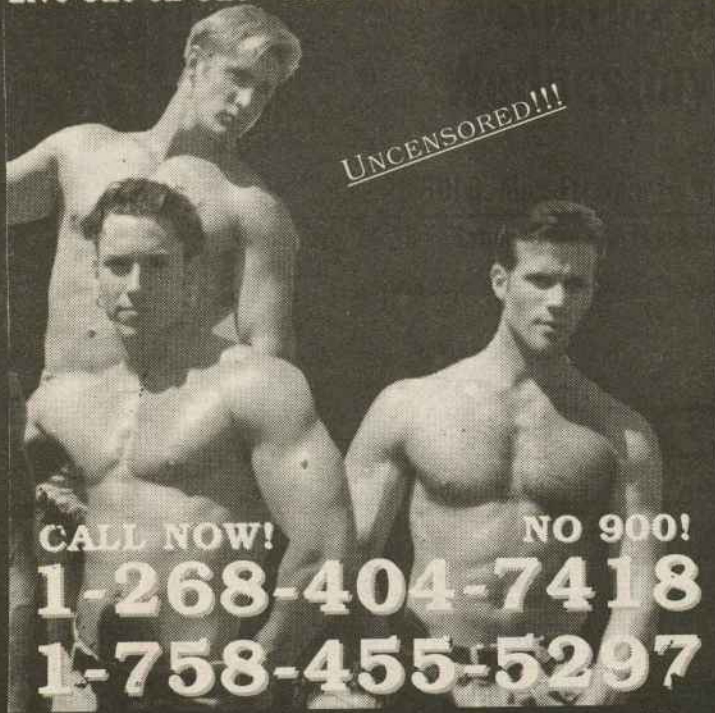
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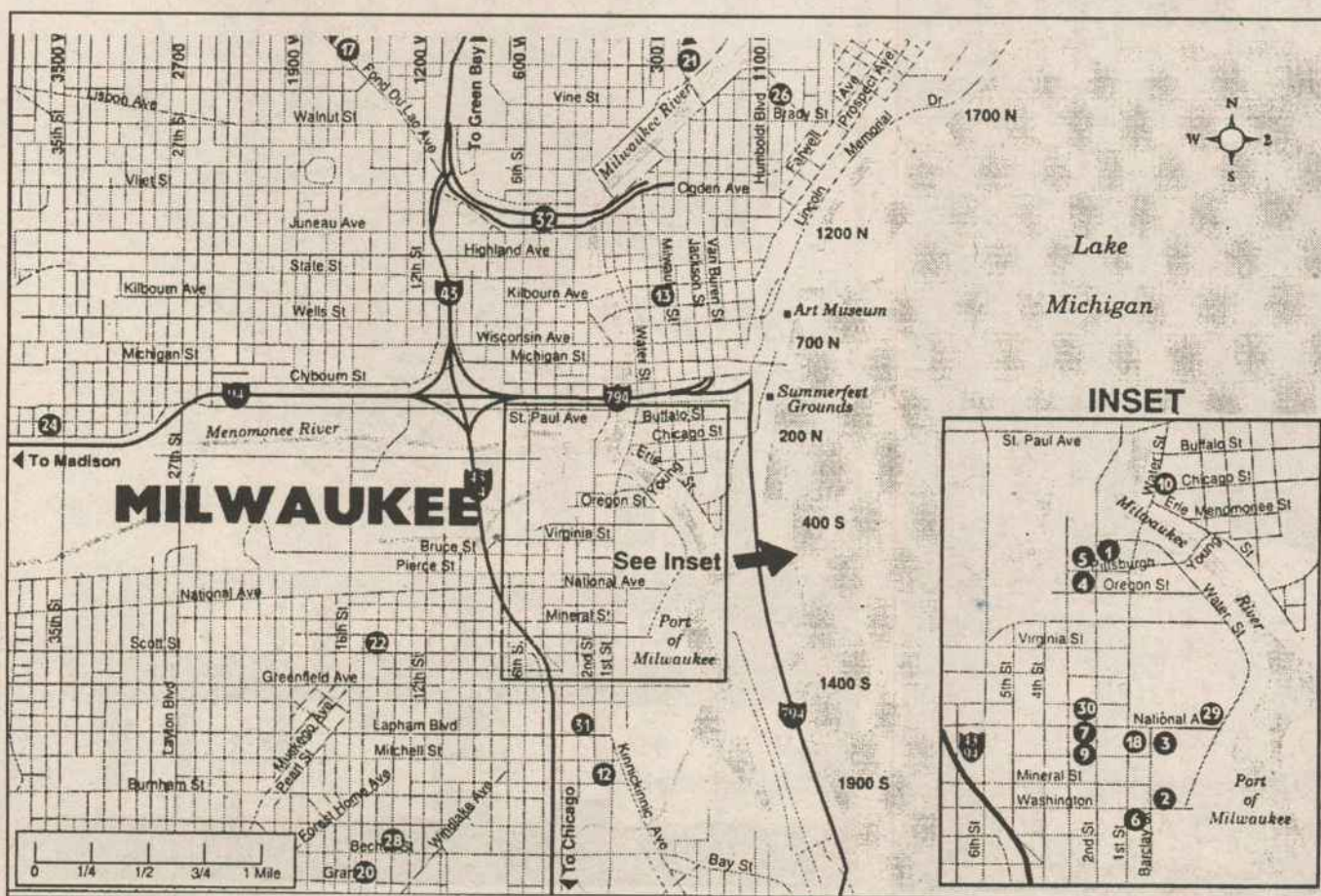
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